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JAPANESE STATEMENT ON SOUTH CHINA

"When Attack Will Come Not Yet Determined"

RESIGNATION OF PRINCE KONOYE COMING

Tokyo, 2 p.m. To-day.

Rumours of serious internal political friction in Japan were provided with fresh fuel by a more or less open admission in high quarters to-day that Prince Konoze may shortly tender his resignation to the Emperor.

It is now revealed that the Prime Minister, the nominee of Prince Saionji, has not attended a meeting of the Cabinet for more than a month, on the pretext of a cold, although several conferences have taken place at his residence, which has been visited by high officials, political and military.

Belief here is that Prince Konoze finds himself unable to subscribe to the policies of the military in the international field though he has withheld resignation with the object of preserving an outward appearance of unanimity in Japanese Government circles.

RESIGNATION IMMINENT

Now that the Panay Incident has been settled without serious consequences and the Ladybird Incident seems assured of early settlement, it is believed that his resignation will not long be delayed.

Meantime, no date has yet been fixed for the big "War Council" of the Cabinet, Imperial Headquarters and the Emperor, which was suddenly postponed some eleven days ago.—Our Own Correspondent.

WILL TSINGTAO CAPITULATE?

Shanghai, To-day.

According to reports reaching Shanghai the Chinese in Tsingtao do not expect serious resistance to be offered to the Japanese advance, in pursuance of the new Chinese policy of not fighting pitched battles.

There is a chance that Tsingtao may capitulate peacefully.

Certainly, the Japanese will not want to bombard or bomb the town, and foreigners are hoping that the well-known summer resort will be spared the horrors of war.—Trans-Ocean.

Railway Will Be Cut By Bias Bay Column

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Tokyo, 2 p.m., To-day.

It was made clear by a War Office spokesman this morning that "Canton is definitely in the Japanese military programme in China and is already under close military observation."

No attack, however, is likely to be made for some time, certainly not until January is advanced, according to the spokesman.

"When the attack will come has not yet been determined. Japan is giving China an opportunity to reconsider her position. If China persists in her present policy, then the elimination of Canton as a factor will become one of the first military objectives."

It is believed that plans for the invasion have long been prepared and that the scheme for the campaign envisages two lines of approach.

One force is likely to be landed in Bias Bay and another to the west of Macao with an attack on Canton, through the Chungshan District as its aim.

K.C.R. WILL BE CUT

The Bias Bay column will cut the Kowloon-Canton Railway (Chinese Section) and attack

U.S. WARNING ON EXTRALITY

Shanghai, To-day.

The United States Consulate here had been instructed by the State Department to ascertain without delay whether the new regulations issued by Japanese Authorities imply that arrested American nationals will no longer be brought up for trial before extra territorial American court, but before Japanese Military courts.

In latter case, so it is said, the State Department wishes the Consulate to warn the Japanese that the new regulations are bound to produce new friction between Japan and United States.—Trans-Ocean.

ULTIMATUM TO YEN HSI-SHAN

Tientsin, 2.27 p.m. To-day.

It is reliably learned that the Japanese Command at Taiyuanfu, on instructions from headquarters, yesterday presented Marshal Yen Hsi-shan with a two-day ultimatum, giving him until noon to-morrow (Thursday) to abandon hostility to Japan.

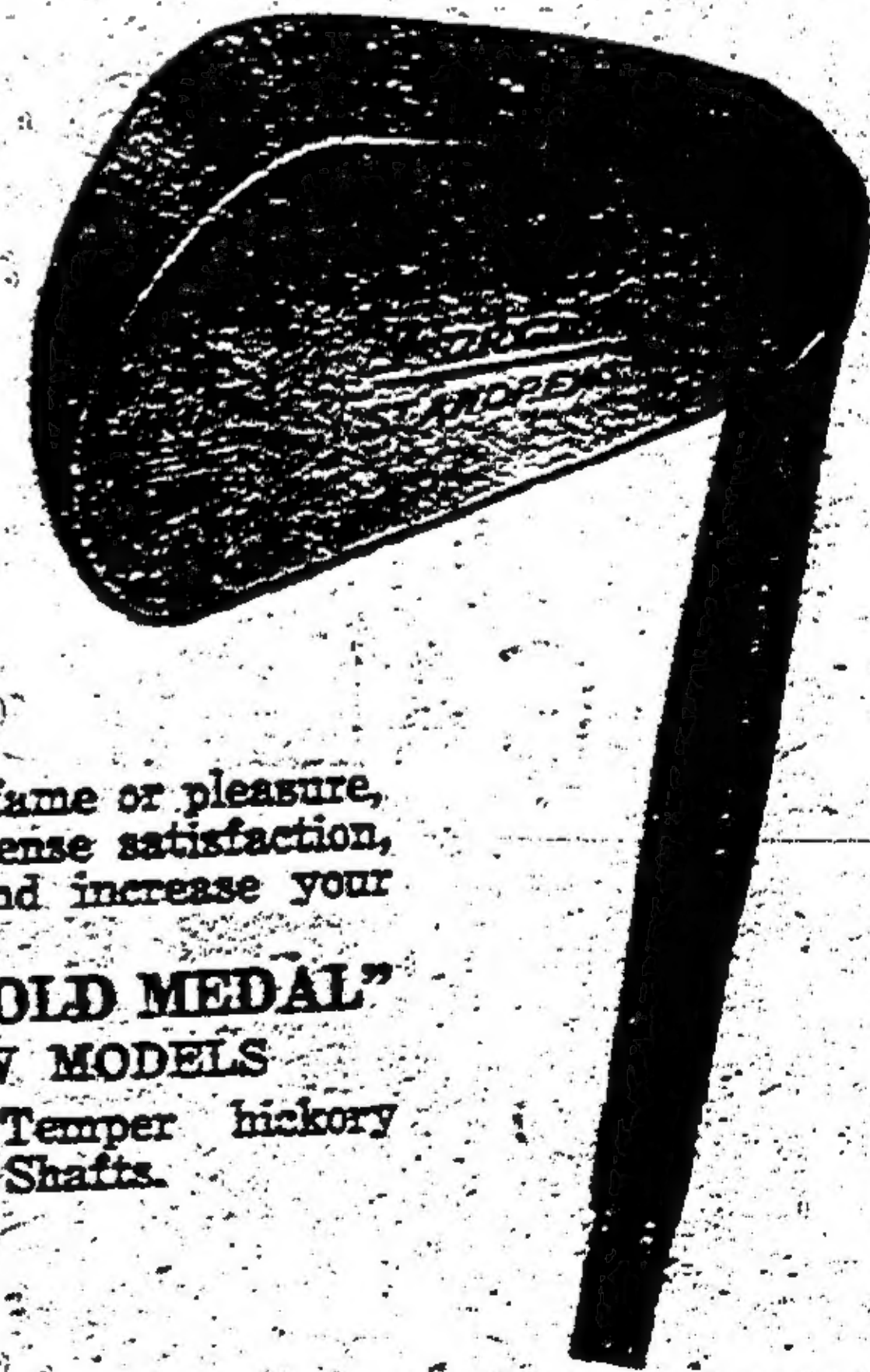
The ultimatum points out that with the fall of Nanking the Chinese Government has been scattered, and gives Yen Hsi-shan an opportunity of throwing in his lot with the "provisional government" recently formed in Peiping, and thereby coming under Japanese protection.

"Your reply will be awaited until noon on December 30. If no reply is received, the Japanese forces will be free in their actions and you will be treated as a Japanese enemy," says the ultimatum.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan is at Pingyang, and 24 hours after presentation of the ultimatum, no reply had been vouchsafed.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Efficiency Hints For Housewives

Good light in the kitchen is not a luxury but a necessity. If the kitchen is on the darker side of the house have it painted a primrose-yellow, which simulates sunshine.

When night comes and artificial light takes the place of daylight see that you have decent lighting conditions. Don't put up in the interests of comfort and efficiency, with any old light.

If you live far removed from modern conveniences as electric light or gas, keep wicks trimmed and glass "chimneys" sparkling bright.

If you possess electric lighting ar-

rangements, keep the bulbs clean and use good bulbs.

It is so easy to be lax and go on with the same old bulbs long after they have outlived their usefulness.

Or perhaps you omit to buy new ones on the ground of economy. There never was falseness economy, for old globes are bad globes, and consume more electricity than new ones to give the same amount of light.

So if you really want to save money, ruthlessly throw away decrepit bulbs and buy new ones. The immediate drop in your electricity bill will soon cover the initial cost.

And remember: Cheap bulbs are not economical. The highest price bulbs are often the cheapest in the long run.

Every kitchen should be supplied with adequate weights and measures. An ordinary pair of scales with lead weights, or brass, as the case may be, is better than a spring balance, as the latter is apt to be rather trying if very heavy packages are being weighed; also, it gets out of order more quickly than the old-fashioned kind. In addition to this, there should be a small spring balance with a hook for weighing

meat and poultry, or packages which are too heavy to place on the scales. A set of measures, made preferably of enamelled iron, are the best.

The good old-fashioned idea of putting new china "on to boil" still holds. In addition to lengthening the life of crockery by this method tumblers, lamp chimneys, and other glass articles will last twice as long and stand heat if, when new, you wrap each one in an old duster or rag, place in cold water with a good handful of salt, and bring slowly to the boil. Simmer gently for half an hour and leave them in the water until quite cold again.

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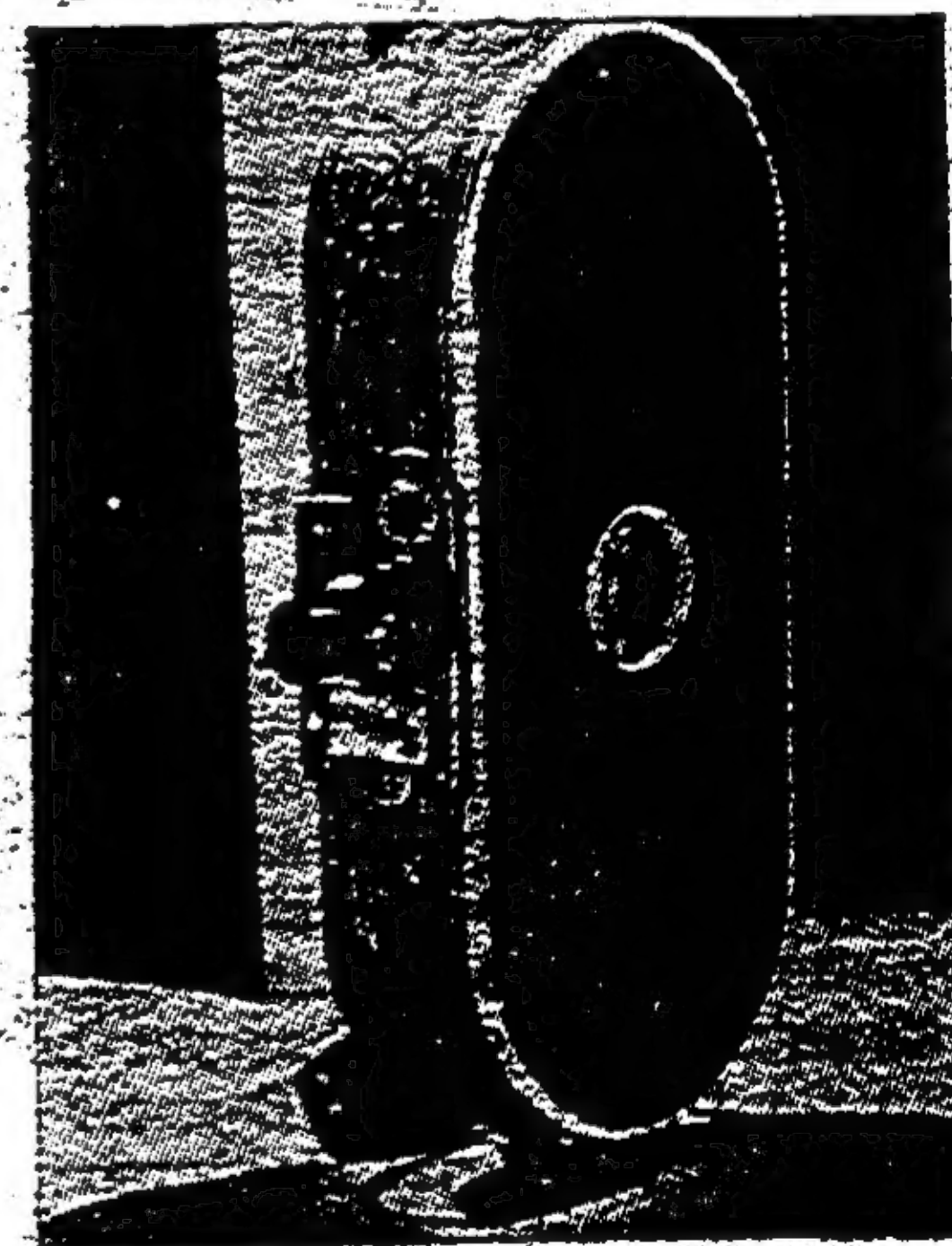
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Orchestra.

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La Barque D'Ives (Tranchant).
Ne Dis Pas Toujours (Lenoir).
Lucienne Boyer.
Taming The Tiger (La Rocca).
Orient Express (Mohr).
Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Mozart Quintet In C Major, K. 515. Played by the Pro Arte Quartet.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
2.30 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-7 p.m.—Dance Records.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Luba Shaftam at the Piano.

1. Two Songs Without Words (Mendelssohn).
2. Mazurka (Chopin).
3. Polish Song (Chopin).
4. English Dance (York Bowen).
5. Humoreske (Rachmaninoff).
6. December (Tchaikowsky).
8.25 p.m.—Leopold Stokowski & the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
Danse Macabre (Saint-Saens, Op. 40).
Samson And Delilah—Bacchanale (Saint-Saens).
Damnation Of Faust—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24).
Blue Danube—Waltz (Johann Strauss).
Tales From The Vienna Woods (Johann Strauss).
9 p.m.—London Relay—World Affairs.
A talk by J. L. Brierly, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.
9.15 p.m.—Military Band Music.
Le Reve Passe (Krier & Helmer).
Officer Of The Day (Hall).
Grenadier Du Caucase (Meister).
Entry Of The Gladiators (Fucik).
Massed Bands of the Northern Command cond. by Bandmaster R. C. Hanney.
A Wayside Sanctuary—Idyll (Gordon Mackenzie).
Minstrel Memories (arr. W. Rimmer).
Grand Massed Brass Bands at the Leicester Brass Band Festival, 1936. Cond. by C. A. Anderson.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Piano.
Four Aces Suite (Billy Mayerl).
1. Ace of Clubs.
2. Ace of Diamonds.
3. Ace of Hearts.
4. Ace of Spades.
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Orchestra.
Have You Anything On To-night, Matilda Darling?
Le Touquet (Damerell-Clifton-Evans).
Billy Cotton & His Band.
Laughing Record—
Die Missglickte Jugendzeit.
Orchestra.
At Dawning; The Land Of The Sky.
Blue Water (Cushman).
Alice Blue Gown (Tierney, McCarthy).
Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians.
Vocal.
Love's Last Word Is Spoken (Bick).
Out In The Cold, Cold Snow (film "Love, Life & Laughter").
Gracie Fields.
Dance Orchestras—
Nora Tango.
Love's Loneliness—Tango.
George Boulianger & His Orch.
Pagan Love Song—Fox-Trot.
It Happened Down In Dixieland—Fox-Trot.
Teddy Foster & His Kings Of Swing.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m. DJB 19.74 m. DJE 16.89 m. DJN 31.45 m. DJQ 19.63 m.
H.K.T.
1.10 p.m.—Light music.
3.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
3.30 p.m.—Looking into the crystal.
5.00 p.m.—Chamber music.
5.45 p.m.—Press Review.
6.00 p.m.—Concert Hour.
7.00 p.m.—Concert of Light Music.
8.00 p.m.—News.
9.15 p.m.—A walk through the Old Year.
10.00 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

The Streets Of London

Entirely too much publicity has been given to the legend that bridge players who, as declarer, have failed to draw trumps are walking the streets of London (also New York, Chicago, St. Louis, and points west) in a far from prosperous condition. I strongly suspect that just as many contracts have been lost by over-enthusiasm in the trump drawing line as through procrastination in that department. Obviously, if a declarer has established side suit tricks, it is logical for him to protect them against ruffs by drawing the opponents' trumps. But it should be equally obvious that there is no point in drawing trumps when there is no reason to fear an impending ruff. Consider the unusual, but sound, method of play of declarer in the following hand.

West, dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

SOUTH

S.—K 7 3
H.—9 6 5 4
D.—A 8 4 2
C.—K J

WEST

EAST

S.—Q 4 2
H.—A K J 10 2
D.—K Q J
C.—8 4

S.—5
H.—8 7 3
D.—10 9 7
C.—10 9 7 6 5 2

SOUTH

S.—A J 10 9 8 6
H.—Q
D.—6 5 3
C.—A Q 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 heart	Pass	Pass	2 spades
Pass	3 spades	Pass	4 spades
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the heart king, then shifted to the diamond king. Dummy's ace won, and declarer immediately ruffed a low heart with the spade six. A club was then led to the jack, and a third heart ruffed with the eight. Dummy's second club entry was used to ruff a fourth heart with the nine spot. The ace shown first.

NORTH

S.—K 7 3
H.—None
D.—8 4
C.—None

WEST

S.—Q 4 2
H.—K
D.—Q
C.—None

EAST

S.—5
H.—None
D.—10 9
C.—10 9

SOUTH

S.—A J 10
H.—None
D.—6 5
C.—None

Now, all that declarer had to do was exit from his hand with a diamond and turn the problem of the missing trump queen over to the defenders.

The average player probably would meet defeat on this hand, since his impulse would be to draw trumps, either by straight leads or by "taking the natural finesse" through East. The safest way, by far, is not to draw trumps at all, but to get in all the low trumps through ruffs.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: In response to a take-out double of one heart should the spades or clubs be shown on the following?

S.—J 9 8 6, H.—10 3, D.—7, C.—A 10 8 6 5 3.

Answer: The clubs should be shown first.

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AT THE QUEEN'S—"45 Fathers", with Jane Withers, Thomas Beck, and Louise Henry. A hilarious comedy in which forty five millionaire bachelors sign up as Jane's guardians in a hope to make a lady out of her, but she almost makes a wreck of them all.

AT THE STAR—"Account Of Youth", with Sylvia Sydney and Herbert Marshall.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde", with Fredric March and Miriam Hopkins. The outstanding performance of Fredric March's career. The parts are well acted and true in all details with the original story. Worth seeing again.

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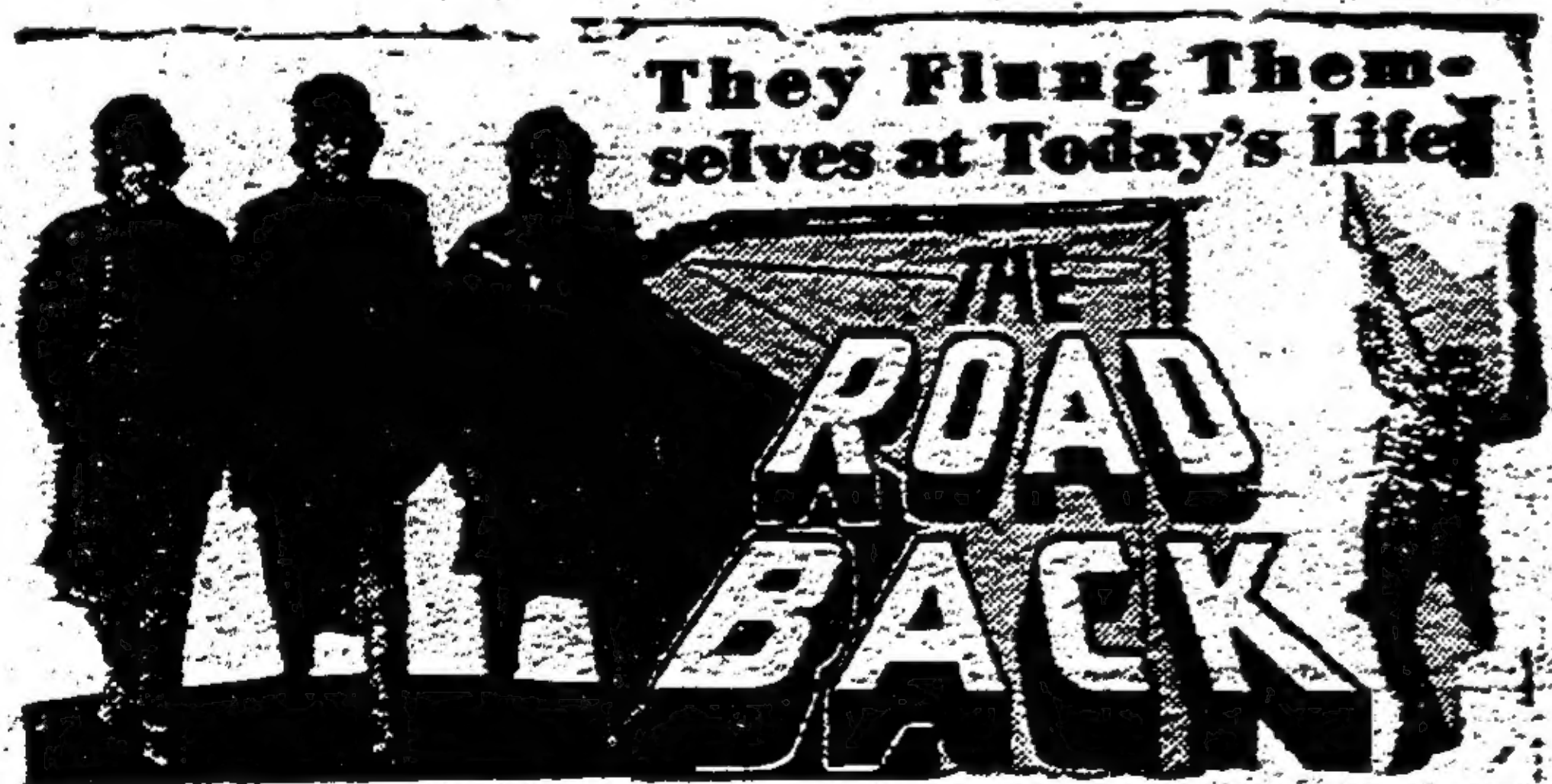
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**QUEMOY ISLAND
MAGISTRATE
EXECUTED**Foochow, To-day.
Mr. Kuang Han, district magis-
trate on Chinmen or Quemoy Island
was sentenced to death, and
Lt-General Hsiao Kai-yun sen-enced to twelve years' im-
prisonment by a military tribunal
nearly a fortnight ago, for derelic-
tion of official duty and loss of na-
tional territory, it was revealed to-
day.Mr. Kuang Han was executed on
Dec. 17.It is stated that when Japanese
forces attacked Chinmen Island on
Oct. 26, both officials fled upon the
first alarm, "thereby resulting in
loss of an important point in sou-
thern Fukien."—Reuter.**PALESTINE
PARTITION
DEFERRED?**

London, To-day.

Partition of Palestine
is to be deferred indefi-
nitely, according to the
"Evening Standard."Although both the Secretary for
the Colonies and the Foreign Se-
cretary are still in favour of put-
ting the plan into execution, the
opinion is gaining ground within
the Cabinet that the present mo-
ment would be inopportune, and
might easily involve Britain in dif-
ficulties.**GOVERNMENT RETREAT**Government retreat in the mat-
ter, says the paper, will assume the
form of giving the Government
Commission which it had been in-
tended to send to Palestine to make
concrete proposals for partition,
such far-reaching powers as to en-
able it to make proposals of a dif-
ferent kind soon after its arrival
in Palestine.This, concludes the report, will
enable Britain to defer partition
for at least a decade, and to con-
tinue to exercise the Mandate in its
present form.—Trans-Ocean.**HEATED DEBATE
IN FRENCH
SENATE**

Paris, To-day.

A rather heated debate was a
feature of yesterday's Senate dis-
cussion of the Premier's allowances
for expenses.General Stuhl, a Right Wing de-
legate, jumped to his feet, and
shouted across to where the Pre-
mier, M. Camille Chautemps, was
sitting. "The time of dillydallying
and half measures is over."M. Chautemps rose and asked in
reply whether his critic was under
the impression the "the time for
machine-guns has arrived."The Senator replied that his re-
marks referred to the social unrest
that was rampant throughout the
country.The Premier insisted that the
Government needed the fullest
trust and support of Parliament.—
Trans-Ocean.**ITALY AND B.B.C.
BROADCASTS**

Rome, To-day.

British broadcasts in the Arabic
language which, as announced, will
begin on January 3, are regarded
by Signor Gayda as "a measure de-
liberately directed against Italy."Signor Gayda points out in an
editorial that a certain British
paper calls the broadcasts "the
first British counter-measure for
setting off, Italian propaganda
among the Arabs."After emphatically denying that
Italian propaganda is directed
against Britain, Signor Gayda
says: "The counter-measures of**CATHOLIC
CHURCH AND
COMMUNISM**

Rome, To-day.

The Catholic Church
will never think of ally-
ing itself to atheistic
communism for combat-
ing totalitarian powers
or for fighting reaction-
ary movements, declares
the Vatican organ "Os-
servatore Romano," in a
leading article.It is designed as a reply to Mon-
signeur Verdier, Cardinal Archbi-
shop of Paris.The Church's attitude towards
communism must be placed beyond
doubt, it avers. Communism is
striving to establish a new order of
things which is the reverse of
Christianity in every particular and
fundamentally opposed to the
teachings of the Catholic Church.
It would be absurd to suppose,
the writer of the article goes on,
that the Church and communism
are capable of finding common
ground on which the both might
struggle to realize social reforms.**SAME PATH**In the struggle for the establish-
ment of social justice, the Church
will often find itself proceeding
along the same path as others who
are working for the material wel-
fare of the community as a whole.
But alliances, particularly if they
contain the seed of fateful dissen-
sion, are not necessary.The Catholic Church entirely re-
jects all idea of agreements which
might mislead Catholics into sup-
posing that Communism has re-
nounced its negative and destruc-
tive aims and that on the other
hand might lead Communist masses
to believe that Catholicism was pre-
pared to hide the truth.—Trans-
Ocean.**HAILE SELASSIE'S
APPEAL**

London, To-day.

Haile Selassie, former emperor of
Abyssinia, has sent telegrams to the
heads of State of the countries be-
longing to the Oslo Convention, ap-
pealing against the proposal made by
the Dutch government to recognize
the annexation of Ethiopia by Italy.The League of Nations, although
showing itself incapable of stopping
acts of aggression, he contends, has
nevertheless contributed to the main-
tenance of peace by upholding im-
portant principles of non-recognition.The telegram concludes: "On
behalf of my people, I appeal to you
in the hope that your government
will be pleased to persevere in its
traditional policy of defending in-
ternational law."—Trans-Ocean.which the British paper speaks,
therefore, are merely a British
measure against Italy with more or
less aggressive intention."Although it would be dangerous
to overstate the importance of the
measures, the British broadcasts
would be followed with careful at-
tention by Italy, who would take
necessary action if the broadcasts
should prove provocative in tone.—
Trans-Ocean.

WALL STREET PRICES TAKE A TUMBLE

New York, To-day.
PRICES on Wall Street took one of the worst tumbles for weeks, with a sudden wave of gloom enveloping the market.

STOPPANI MAKES NEW RECORD BID

Cadiz, To-day.
In an attempt to break the distance record for a flight in a straight line, the Italian airman, Stoppani, left at 12.50 GMT heading for Buenos Aires.
Stoppani left Sardinia on December 16 on the first of a series of flights at the order of Signor Mussolini in view of the institution of an air service between Italy and Latin America, but he made a forced landing off the Algerian coast owing to bad weather.—Reuter.

LE TEMPS TAKES THE CYNICAL VIEW

Paris, To-day.
Political circles in the French capital have welcomed the developments which, following the recent exchange of notes, have led to the easing of tension between the United States and Japan.

"Le Temps" believes that the American propensity to accept the Japanese apology and assurances and consider the Panay incident settled, is primarily due to the fact that Washington has subjected the whole situation to careful examination.

The importance of certain trade figures has been fully realised. That, for instance, the value of the American export trade to Japan amounts to \$200,000,000 against the import of Japanese goods to the value of \$150,000,000.

On the other hand the value of United States' exports to China is only \$63,000,000 whilst its imports of Chinese goods are valued at \$47,000,000. These economic considerations, says the French newspaper, are helping the American public appear long-suffering, although there are limits to American patience, it adds.—Trans-Ocean.

CAGOUARD CHIEF ACCUSES COMMUNISTS

Paris, To-day.
A sensational story was unfolded by the leader of the Cagouards (The Hooded Men), Colonel De-loncle when he appeared before the Examining Magistrate yesterday.

Accused alleged that the Com-

All stocks fell startlingly. Traders panicked and rushed to sell and at the close most of the market's recovery since the mid-October slump had been wiped out. Leading issues fell as much as five points, many of them touching new low levels for the year, or longer.

The primary cause appears to have been the anti-monopolist speech of the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Joseph Jackson, which started fears that the Government is starting a trust-busting attack.

It was recorded further that steel production in the United States is now at its lowest since September, 1934, at 19 per cent. of the nation's capacity, while the poorness of the motor industry was disclosed by the General Motors' statement.—Reuter.

INDIAN P.C. FOUND BADLY INJURED

P.C. B. 555, Mohamed Din, was last night admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a dazed condition, suffering from a wound on his left forehead and abrasions to his left cheek and behind his left ear, caused by an improvised baseball bat found near the scene of an attack on him.

At about 8.10 p.m., a Chinese detective was making his rounds near the north side of Kennedy Road at the top of Monmouth Path when he came upon the recumbent figure of Mohamed Din, whose Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, loaded with six rounds, was missing, having been cut or pulled off his lanyard.

Mohamed Din was on a beat in Kennedy Road which ran from Macdonnell Road to Monmouth Path. He signed the telephone book at 7.05 p.m. at Monmouth Path and reported through the phone to the Central Station charge room that all was correct. The spot at which he was found was well lighted, a nearby standard flooding the scene. When admitted to hospital he was in a dazed condition and at the moment is unable to give an account of what happened.

Communist organisations had framed a plot to be executed on the night of November 15, to seize the capital with 35,000 men, and to assassinate M. Blum and other members of the Cabinet and prominent citizens.

They also, he asserted, planned to capture about four hundred hostages, mostly industrialists, financiers and military chiefs.—Reuter.

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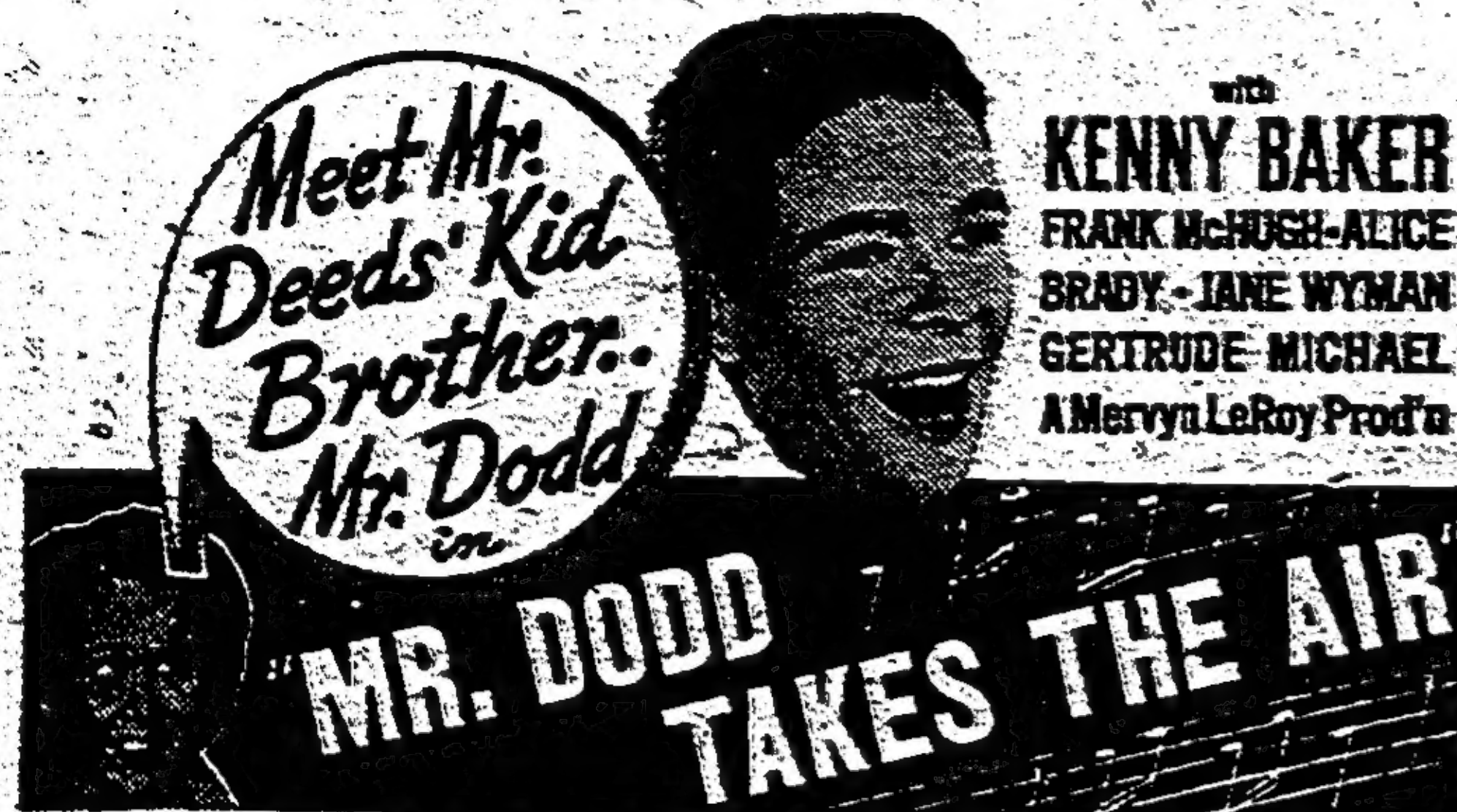
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NANKING UNIVERSITY NOW IN CHENG TU

Shanghai, To-day.

The Nanking University Missionary College, which has a high academic standing and which was evacuated prior to the siege of Nanking, has decided to carry on its work at Chengtu, according to Chinese reports.

More than thirty members of the faculty and administrative staffs, says the report, have already arrived at Chengtu, where they are seeking suitable premises for the college. —Reuter.

TURKEY NOT SATISFIED

Ankara, To-day.

The Turkish Government has, according to a semi-official news agency, sent a protest to the League of Nations against the electoral system for Sanjak of Alexandretta proposed by the Sanjak Commission and at the same time made express reserves.

It is added that the Turkish Government takes the view that the proposed system is contrary to the resolution adopted by the League Council on May 20 last. —Trans-Ocean.

MONASTERY IN TERUEL NOW TAKEN

Barcelona, To-day.

The Republican troops have now succeeded in capturing the Monastery of Santa Teresamin, one of the last strongholds of the defenders of Teruel.

They have also taken further buildings in the southern part of the town, where a large blaze is rapidly encroaching upon the Bank of Spain building, still held by the Nationalists. —Trans-Ocean.

CAIRO POLITICAL CRISIS

Cairo, To-day.

It is learned here on good authority that two foreign diplomats have instigated a new attempt to settle the dispute between the Palace and the Egyptian Cabinet. These two diplomats whose names and nationality have not been revealed have made themselves spokesmen for foreign colonies in Cairo and other Egyptian cities. Egypt's foreign trade will be seriously affected by the continuation of the constitutional crisis. —Trans-Ocean.

ARAB FUNERAL TENSION

London, To-day.

Reports from Jerusalem state that nine Arabs who lost their lives during the skirmish with British troops at Tiberias were buried on the scene of the engagement yesterday.

The burials took place in the presence of a large Arab crowd and a large British police force attended in order to prevent disorders.

The Arab request that the fallen men be laid to rest in the cemetery at Towasafed had been rejected by the mandatory authorities and the Arab population of Safed thereupon held a strike of protest while the funeral ceremonies were in progress. —Trans-Ocean.

P.M.R. DIRECTOR TO GET POST

Dairen, To-day.

Mr. Yen Tung, former director of the Peiping-Mukden Railway, who at present is at Dairen, will shortly go to Peiping, where he is slated for an important position in the "provisional government," according to a Japanese report. —Reuter.

RUMOURS FLY AS GOGA FORMS AUTHORITARIAN CABINET IN BUCHAREST

Bucharest, To-day.

The new cabinet formed by M. Octavian Goga yesterday is composed as follows:

Premier, M. Goga,
Minister for Foreign Affairs: M. Istrate Micescu,
Minister of the Interior: M. Calinescu,
Minister for War: General Antonescu,
Minister for Marine and Air: General Ibrinescu,
Minister of Finance: M. Sabu.

The new cabinet will be supported by the Christian National Party and several other parties of the Right.

M. Goga succeeded in securing the co-operation of the Right Wing National Peasant Party. It is generally believed, however, in political circles here, that the Goga cabinet will dissolve the new parliament and seek to establish an authoritarian regime.

MANY RUMOURS

Various uncontrollable rumours are being circulated here regarding the new cabinet and have produced nervousness.

The organ of the Christian Social Party, asserts that among the first steps of the new government will be rigorous measures against the Press. Jews and Communists will be forbidden to engage in journalistic activities, according to the paper.

THREE MINISTERS EXPELLED FROM PARTY

Three ministers of the new Goga Government, the Ministers of Interior, Justice and Transport, were yesterday expelled from the Nationalist Party shortly after their acceptance of their portfolios.

The Secretary of State and Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of the Interior, who were also members of the Party, were also expelled.

The new Cabinet was sworn in by King Carol last night. —Trans-Ocean.

TITULESCU IN VIENNA

Vienna, To-day.

Signs and portents of big happenings in Rumania are seen in the sudden arrival in the Austrian capital of M. Nicolas Titulescu, former Rumanian Foreign Minister, who is returning to Bucharest after a long absence.

He said upon arrival that he had come to Vienna to see a specialist for ear and throat ailments.

His visit, he added, was of a purely private character. —Trans-Ocean.

Paris, To-day.

The Toulouse Chamber of Commerce yesterday decided to address a resolution to the Ministry of Trade demanding setting up forthwith of normal trade relations with Nationalist Spain. —Trans-Ocean.

The P. and O. s.s. "Soudan" left Shanghai yesterday and is due here to-morrow at about noon.

AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT FOR RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

Resignation of the Liberal Cabinet of M. Tatarescu following the recent election defeat, and the formation of an authoritarian government under the leadership of the head of the Right Wing Christian National Party, M. Goga, is regarded as practically certain in well-informed circles.

The official communique of the Central Electoral Committee in which it was stated that, following the failure of the Government to obtain the necessary majority in the recent elections, the situation would be carefully examined, is generally interpreted as heralding the resignation of the Cabinet. In fact, action to this effect is expected within the next few hours or days. In view of the fact that King Carol has already received M. Goga in audience.

DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

M. Goga could not be reached by journalists last night, but according to well-informed circles he has already been offered the mandate and has accepted it. His Cabinet would be an unqualifiedly Right Wing and he would enjoy complete confidence of the throne.

New elections are not being planned for the near future, but it is declared that the recently elected Parliament will be dissolved and that M. Goga will govern without a parliament.

A leading role in the present crisis is also assigned to the deputy leader of the Christian National Party, Professor Cuza, who upon being informed of the sudden change in the internal political situation, arrived last night in Bucharest to have an audience with the King this noon. —Trans-Ocean.

RESIGNATION OF CABINET

The Cabinet decided to tender its resignation following a Council held this morning at the house of the Premier, M. Tatarescu. The decision was announced to the press by the Minister of Justice who, however, declined to make any statement regarding the political situation.

It is, however, known that the Leader of the Christian Nationalist party, Octavian Goga, deliberated throughout Monday night with Right Wing politicians including ex-Premier Itida-Vorod and Professor Yorga. Although the papers refrain from predictions political circles generally anticipate that King Carol will entrust Goga with the task of forming a new Cabinet. —Trans-Ocean.

EXPANSION OF WARSHIP CONSTRUCTION IN AMERICA

President Roosevelt's Letter On Naval Budget

WORLD EVENTS CAUSING "GROWING CONCERN"

Washington, To-day.

A considerable expansion of the naval building programme of the United States is contemplated, with plans for immediate commencement of additional construction.

This was revealed yesterday in the course of a press conference by President Roosevelt, who said that he had written to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee stating that in consequence of the general international picture, he might ask for more warships than had been outlined in the Navy Department's Budget in the Autumn.

Any such new construction, he said, could not be termed preparedness for a campaign.

The new programme would be started immediately.

President Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Taylor, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, states that since the Budget was prepared in the autumn, world events "have caused me growing concern."

FACTS ARE FACTS

"I do not refer to any specific nation or to any specific threat against the United States.

"The fact is that in the world as a whole nations are not only continuing but enlarging their armaments programmes. I have used every conceivable effort to stop this trend and to work towards a decrease in armaments.

"Nevertheless, facts are facts, and the United States must recognise them."—Reuter.

PARIS CITY STRIKE

Paris, To-day.

A strike has been called in protest against the decision of the Paris City Council to cut the pay of the lower grades.

The Union joint committee made a statement declaring that "this is intolerable provocation" and that responsibility for any incidents lies with those who provoked them.

After the meeting, a joint committee of delegates from all the unions concerned met and unanimously approved the decision to strike until the City Council accedes to the Union's demands.

WATER SERVICES TO CONTINUE

Paris, To-day.

It was learned late last night that the water service will not be affected by the strike, but a strike of buses and trams has been decided in sympathy with the striking Municipal services.—Reuter.

GRENADE THROWER TO BE HANDED OVER

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese who as was reported yesterday threw a hand grenade into a Japanese military launch while the boat was passing under one of the bridges across Soochow Creek, is to be dealt with under the new regulations which makes any person, including foreigners found guilty of having committed any one of the 10 listed offences against the Japanese Army liable to punishment by death.

A Japanese spokesman confirmed yesterday's report that the new regulations applied to foreigners although he added that whenever foreigners are involved an attempt will be made to respect International law as far as possible. Meanwhile the bridges cross the Soochow Creek are to be closed whenever Japanese boats pass underneath.—Trans-Ocean.

TSINGTAO PRACTICALLY ENVELOPED

Shanghai, To-day.

According to a Japanese military spokesman this morning, the Japanese forces advancing on Tsingtao have practically enveloped Tsingtao. The only outlet for the Chinese defenders, is to retire north-westwards to the Weihaiwei area.—Our Own Correspondent.

Two men, armed with revolvers, entered the unnumbered hut of Li Shek-hung, a bean curd dealer, in Tseung Tsun-wan near Ping Shan, shortly before midnight yesterday and stole money and clothing to the total value of \$35.40.

FIRST N.Z. AIR CARGO TO AMERICA

Auckland, To-day.

A fine rug made from New Zealand wool, a present from the Premier, Mr. Savage, to President Roosevelt, will be part of the first cargo carried by air from New Zealand to the United States aboard the Pan American airliner, Samoan Clipper. There will also be a letter from Mr. Savage paying a tribute to American enterprise in the establishment of a service which will strengthen the ties between the two people.

The departure of the Samoan Clipper has been postponed until Thursday owing to bad weather in the neighbourhood of Pago Pago.—Reuter.

NETHERLAND INITIATIVE ON ABYSSINIA

The Hague, To-day.

In a reply to a question by a Socialist Deputy, the Foreign Minister has forwarded to the Second Chamber a detailed written statement concerning the motives which inspired the Netherlands Government to sound the signatories of the Oslo Convention in regard to a joint demarche in favour of recognition of Italian sovereignty over Ethiopia.

The Foreign Minister repeated that it was the intention of the Netherlands Government that negotiations with the British and French Governments should precede confidential discussions with Oslo, but that negotiations with all countries who at the League Assembly had taken the same view of the question as the Netherlands Government was impossible since this would have meant inevitable delay.

The Minister goes on to say that the Netherlands Government is of the opinion that mere recognition of the accomplished fact of Italian conquests cannot violate moral principles and stresses that the initiative taken by the Netherlands Government was entirely spontaneous.—Trans-Ocean.

The E. and A. Steamship Nankin will leave for Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart on or about Jan. 2 at 9.30 a.m.

LADYBIRD APOLOGIES REITERATED

Tokyo, To-day.

Although the contents of the Japanese reply to the British protest on the Ladybird incident have not yet been published, it is stated in informed circles that the Japanese Government reiterates its apologies and attributes the incident to an unfortunate accident and promises to take necessary measures to prevent the recurrence of any such deplorable incidents in the future.—Trans-Ocean.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of cholera have been removed.

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I COULD NOT MARRY YOU—

There is a disposition among man when it breaks down, suffers us to believe that most women leap to walk where once we drove—in attitude towards men and women in them. It rarely does! gratefully at the first proposal of vites us to carry his golf clubs al- strictly separate, watertight com- A man who is incurably hearty marriage which comes their way. most! partments: conversation for the one regardless of time, place and cir-

Well, I didn't!

And I haven't leapt at the second, the always overrated "He-Man" is allowance for one's wish for the A man totally without charm, who or third, or—but this sound like out of date; that to be strong and former—at times! attempts the liberties only vouchsaf- boasting. It's not—it's merely be- silent indicates nothing but an in- A man who fondly imagines he is ed the charming! cause I wouldn't marry:— ability to talk intelligently and an the only real worker, and upon this A man who believes that for him

A man who boasts of never hav- over-attention to physical prowess. false conception claims the most to say a thing is so, automatically ing taken a dancing lesson in his A man who, no longer young, comfortable chair and a primary call makes it just that—who, in fact, life, claims you for every dance and suffers a sort of winter madness, on everyone's attention throughout cannot or will not, be corrected, in- systematically dances against the vows to throw up home and family an entire evening. formed or persuaded to admit a time, upon your toes and heartily mistake. applauds every tune.

A man who, for the want of a little care in driving a high-powered roadster, ruthlessly slaughters small and marry the "girl of his dreams." (I feel sorry for the wives of such folk. A man who talks largely of "hardening" his son, instancing himself as a splendid example of the system, A man who is unmoved by any appeal save to his stomach!

A man who persists in address- ing you as "little woman" thus seek- are "babies" (as if one could in- for that same "hardening" he might A man whose sense of humour re- ing to convey a wealth of condescen- suit the genuine article so far!), have been a vastly improved, less veals itself on flag days in conceal- sion, superiority and proprietorship. who begs to be "reformed," "scold- difficult and inhibited, in fact a ing his token beneath the lapel of his coat, and upon the anxious ap- A man who, poor fool! sees in ed" and "forgiven," never hesitat- much kinder creature! A man who upholds one code of approach of every unfortunate, unsus- himself a second Robert Taylor, William Powell or Jack Buchanan, a waste of time! honour for women and a totally pecting seller reveals it with a fatu- ously triumphant "Ah!"

A man who is so blindly convinced he is irresistible that he shelves men, whereby licence takes the place. A man who immediately he comes within sight and sound of an at- tractive member of the opposite sex begins to talk loudly and loosely in

A man who, having no need to work, delights in doing nothing for a blustering arrogance and down- worth-while whatever, rises at noon right rudeness, never realising that A man who maintains that to be existence most exasperating to all of charm be achieved. who must genuinely toil and spin! A man who will assume a face- risk is the sine qua non of po- tious view of our lately acquired em- pularity, and so becomes positively ancipation, insisting we tinker with childish, or merely repulsive in a the mysterious interior of the desire to be thought "a devil."

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THE WORLD GOES BY
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BIG books and little books, bad books, bed books and bores, fact, fiction and whimsy — the stampede is "on," and from all the great publishing houses pours the autumn spate of literature.

But the cost of Esparto paper is up 33 per cent. The cost of wood paper is up at least 40 per cent. Binding costs are increasing, and with them, on the rise, are the costs of printing.

Where do we stand, Montgomery, with regard to our books? Will there be fewer books published in future, or will the consumer, the common bookworm, have to pay the difference? It's a ticklish situation.

A publisher works normally on a rather narrow margin between costs and receipts, writes Geoffrey Faber, of Faber and Faber, in the "London Mercury."

A publisher may be said on the average to net about two-thirds of the published price of a general book or novel: but out of this he has to pay manufacturing costs, overhead expenses, the author's advance and royalties, and find — if he is to continue in business — something over as profit for himself.

If the present trend continues he will have to decide between selling more books (somehow), raising the present price, reducing his outgoings, and going out of business. That's what it all boils down to.

It is unlikely that the present price of novels will rise. "Of books generally it is true not that they are expensive—for the truth is that the public thinks they are expensive."

"Whatever help the Coronation gave to other trades, it did nothing but damage to the book trade," Faber complains.

Publishers are worried. They

cannot reduce their prices and are loath to raise them. But the poor dears, naturally, want to show a profit somehow.

It's up to you, Montgomery. Read more books. Literature like stout, is good for you.



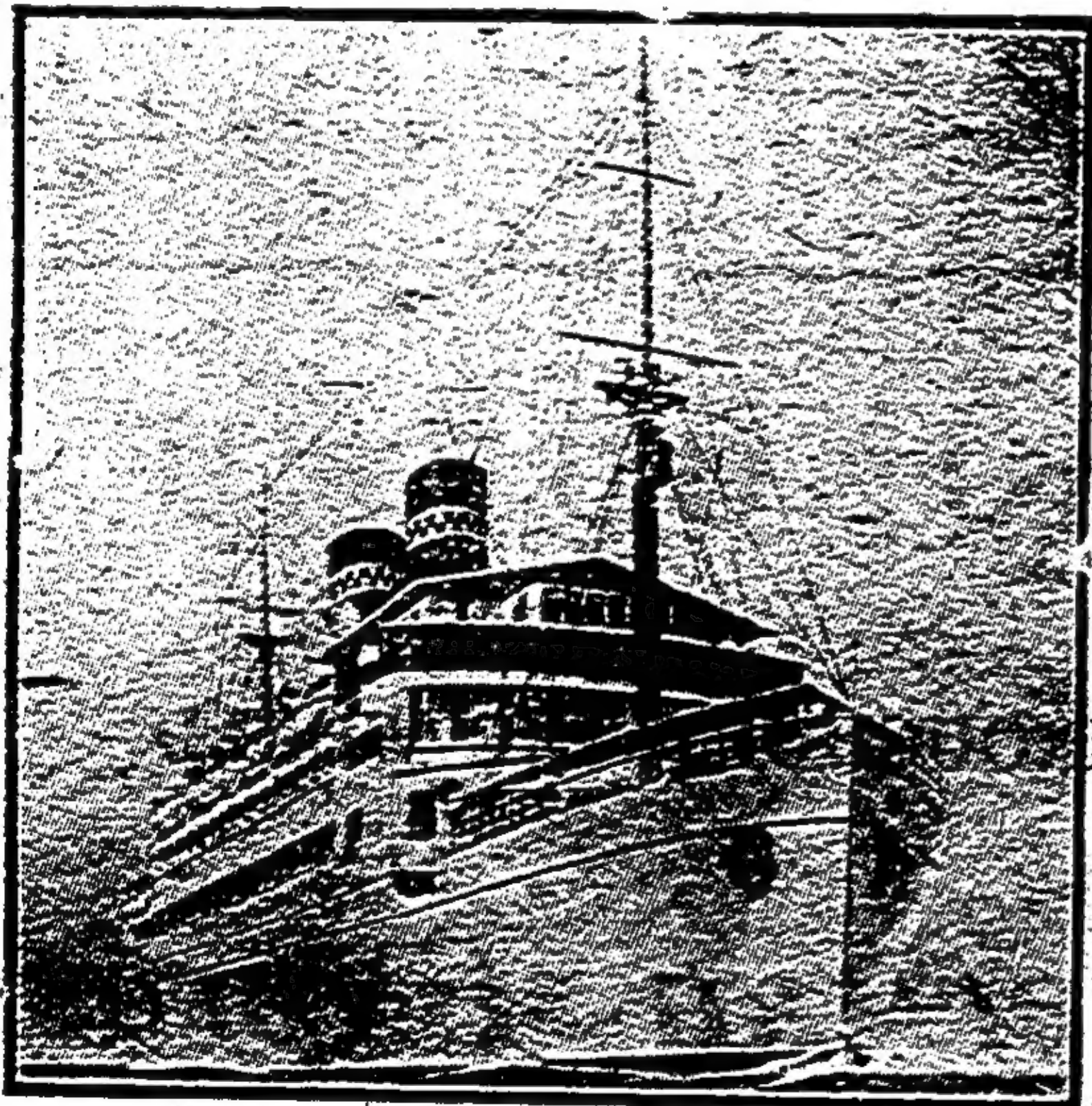
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JAPANESE YANGTSE VALLEY OPERATIONS IN SUSPENSE

'Chance For Chinese Government To Change Attitude'

GENERAL MATSUI INTERVIEWED

Shanghai, To-day.

The commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces, General Matsui, declared yesterday that some time will pass before operations on the Yangtze will be resumed.

The Japanese command, so he said, is not in a hurry, and wishes to give the troops a respite for the time being.

Japan's willingness to come to an understanding with China, was once more stressed by the General, who declared that Japan has no territorial aspirations in China.

He, however, added that the Japanese government would cease to recognize the Chinese Central Government and would order Japanese troops to march on Hankow and Chungking unless the Chinese government changed its attitude. — Trans-Ocean.

FIRST INTERVIEW

Shanghai, To-day.

"Japan will give the Chinese Government an opportunity of changing its attitude, but if its anti-Japanese policies are continued, the Japanese troops may find it necessary to advance to Hankow and Chungking," declared General Matsui, commander-in-chief of the Japanese expeditionary forces in Central China, yesterday afternoon in what was his first press interview since the fall of Nanking.

Outlining his views on the China policy which will be followed by the Japanese Government in future, General Matsui said that Japan may repudiate the National Government of China if its present policies are not altered.

He emphasised that Japan "has no territorial ambitions in China, and is sacrificing so much for her only purpose of establishing peace in the Far East."

NO HURRY

Answering questions put by newsmen, General Matsui said: "At the time of capture of Nanking I clearly expressed my opinions, so there is not much for me to say now."

"At any rate, there ought not to be any hurry about future military operations so soon after occupation of Nanking."

"Soldiers should get a rest after every battle, and there is more reason for them to rest after four months of hostilities without a break."

"At the same time, we would like to give the Chinese time to reconsider their attitude. Of course, if they don't mend their ways, we may have to go even as far as Hankow and Chungking."

REAL INTENTION

"Resort to arms does not always mean to attain the objective. It has been my aim to make China come to a true appreciation of the present

situation without inflicting unnecessary damage and driving her to despair."

"If, however, the National Government continues to maintain its present anti-Japanese attitude, the Imperial Government, I think, will find it necessary to issue a statement repudiating the National Government."

On the whole, General Matsui added, it is necessary to show as a fact the real intention of Japan, which has no territorial ambitions and is sacrificing much for the only purpose of establishing peace in the Far East.—Reuter.

MR. SUN FO'S TOUR STARTING FROM HONGKONG

Hankow, To-day.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office stated that Mr. Sun Fo will shortly leave Hong Kong for Europe where he will pay "a visit of goodwill" to England, Germany and Soviet Russia and that he intends to stay for a considerable time in the latter country but that it would be wholly erroneous to regard Mr. Sun Fo as the prospective successor to Mr. Ting Fu-tsiang as Chinese Ambassador in Moscow.

Mr. Sun Fo will be accompanied on the journey by Mr. Yumin who was formerly representative of the Chinese Foreign Office at Shanghai and who has now been appointed Counsellor of the Embassy in Moscow. The spokesman added that Mr. Yumin will act as Chinese Charge D'Affaires in Moscow during the absence of Mr. Ting Fu-tsiang.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH NAVY HEALTH

London, To-day.

The high standard of health in the British Navy was exemplified in a new low record for invalidity attained in 1935 for which an analysis of complete health statistics has just been published.—British Wireless.

AUCKLAND WELCOMES CENTAURUS

Auckland, To-day.

The Imperial Airways liner Centaurus, which arrived here yesterday on a survey flight from England, has been surrounded ever since by vast admiring crowds at the airport.

Many of the leading citizens of Auckland have been given courtesy flights.—Reuter.

Sir Frederick Maze Decorated

At an informal function last week in the Park Hotel, Mr. Fischer, German Consul-General, on behalf of the German Government, handed to Sir Frederick Maze the Insignia and Brevet of the Star of the First Class of the German Order of the Red Cross, in recognition of the manner in which the Inspector-General of Customs has executed its varied functions, most of which are closely linked with international trade, shipping and finance.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT SILENT ON IMPLICATIONS OF IRISH CONSTITUTION

London, To-day.

Although nothing authoritative can be learned at present with regard to the British Government's attitude toward the new Irish Free State constitution which will be ceremoniously inaugurated on December 29, it is understood that no drastic change in the existing state of Imperial relations is expected.

It is pointed out that any member of the British Commonwealth is free to modify its own status also

it is several years since the throne played any part in Irish politics and as the new constitution only confirms the existing situation, it is not thought probable that President De Valera will withdraw from his present measure of co-operation with the Empire, pointed out that the "paper" annexation of Northern Ireland, implied in the change of

name from Irish Free State to Ireland, can have no practical effect.

REPUBLIC WITH A KING

Juridically, the new constitution will intensify political problems raised by the existence of what is practically a republic inside a commonwealth, ruled by king, but, as coercion is out of the question, De Valera will doubtless be allowed to create what legal status he pleases without objection from the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

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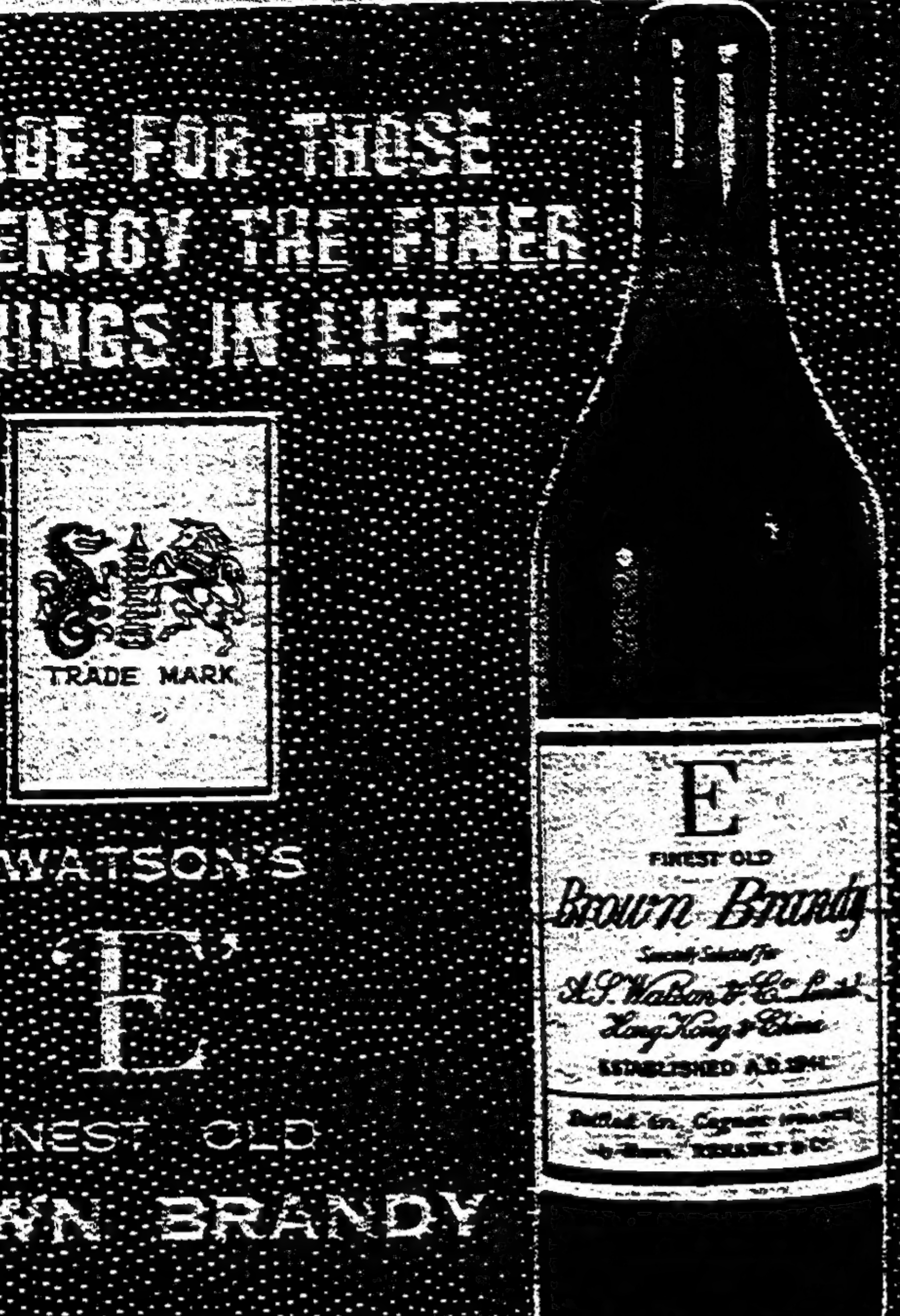
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SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Shanghai's International Settlement represents in miniature the complication of foreign interests in China, as well as that common cause which, in the last resort, keeps the "Open Door" by force. The Shanghai Municipal Council, an international representative body, has in the past sought to establish, through consular representations, that the International Settlement is in some sort a neutral State—not so created, or legally admissible, perhaps, but in treatment and in behaviour. The Powers there represented maintain troops and naval vessels for protection of vast financial and trading interests, Chinese among them. Japan is, next to Britain, the foreign Power with heaviest commitments; material and other, in the Settlement. It is part of the incongruity of the present conflict, as in 1932, that Japan is supposed to be one of the international defenders of the Settlement as well as a combatant against China. In these circumstances, her military have, for weeks since hostilities in the area ended, refused to allow the nationals of other countries access to their own properties in the Settlement, and have now added consternation by proclaiming a system of martial law, and denying, ostensibly, the extraterritorial rights of foreigners. The regulations issued include provision for the death penalty, and it appears that the right of arrest and trial is claimed even in areas where the S.M.P. are entitled to function. The attitude of the Japanese spokesman is that no violation of extraterritoriality is involved since the regulations concern only alleged offences against the Japanese army. What comfort this may be intended to convey, however, is likely to be challenged, in foreign minds, by evidences on all hands of the degree of responsibility to be expected from Japanese junior officers in any moment of emergency. Furthermore, the regulations are so loosely framed as to allow of almost any interpretation by way of justification for outrage. Even before

the present hostilities, cases have occurred in which foreigners have been temporarily arrested, and taken to Japanese Naval Headquarters for long questioning without regard to their legal rights and without reference to their Consuls. Under the regime now proclaimed none could venture into the Japanese controlled areas without real reason for trepidation. Any step or action would be liable to misinterpretation. Such a state of affairs, whatever the Japanese may think, is clearly incompatible with the fact that, legally, a foreigner has every right to go where he pleases when he pleases in the International Settlement. The Japanese argument that extraterritoriality is not involved cannot justify any decision by the representatives of the Powers to accept the proposed regime without protest.

An Aside

Tragedy has been described as the conflict between two rights. This has been mournfully true of many human experiences as between individuals, such as are recorded in literature and in drama, from the age of the Greek tragedians down to the present day. But in actual religious experience nothing has been more cruel than the conflict among Christian sects and their leaders. Church history abounds in this sad form of tragedy, and Gibbon makes great play with it in his "Decline and Fall." To-day we have in our midst in a small way an example of the spirit which has so often led to misunderstanding and disruption. Men and women of fine character look at the needs of a community from the standpoint of Christianity, but from different angles; the one is inspired with the spirit of youth, and enthusiasm, and a readiness for service, and the other is almost solely conscious of the Church's position in the community. This is, of course, so much commonplace, but it has an obvious moral. The student of church history finds in the early quarrellings on matters of faith and conduct an illustration of the futility of human reason. But it is as well to bear in mind that out of the controversies of the past has arisen a Church which for all its faults has made our present civilisation possible. There is, however, a region in which human reason fails, and the mind with its arguments and clever evasions is a real obstacle to progress. There must be emotion and enthusiasm on a level which cold reason may condemn or ignore. The Church again and again has been revived and shaken into renewed activity by preachers incandescent in their faith and fortitude. The Church of Rome has continually thrown up men of power, and the multitudes followed them, until, as heads of new orders, the vagrant preachers were brought into the formal establishment of Christianity. So the Church of Scotland and the Church of England—using the terms in their broadest sense—have first repudiated those who have strayed from the orthodox and then been thankful for the fires which seemed to threaten them, but which, humanly speaking, became the means of revitalisation. Yet it was not reason that moved these individualistic reformers.

BRITAIN TO ACCEPT JAPANESE APOLOGY

Tone Of Ladybird Note Believed Conciliatory

LONG TOKYO EXPLANATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES

London, To-day.

Japan's reply to the note of protest against the bombardments of British warships in the Yangtse River was received here yesterday evening and is now being examined at the Foreign Office.

It is not yet known whether the Japanese reply will be published, but it is expected that the British Government will issue an official statement regarding Japan's reply.

According to well-informed circles here Japan's reply is couched in a conciliatory tone and goes a long way towards satisfying British demands.

WILL BE ACCEPTED

There is every indication, therefore, that the British Government will regard the Japanese reply as satisfactory and will accept the apology and reparation offered by Japan.

The British Government, however, so it is declared, will stress that similar incidents must be avoided under all circumstances in future. — Trans-Ocean.

TOKYO STATEMENTS

Tokyo, To-day.

Well informed quarters here declare that the Japanese reply to the British protest regarding the bombardment of British warships in Yangtse River offers certain compensation, but adds that the Japanese Government refuses to assume full responsibility for the incidents.

The Japanese Government, it is said, holds the view that the best way to avoid future incidents would be for British warships to stay outside zones where military operations are in progress. — Trans-Ocean.

LONG TOKYO STATEMENT

Tokyo, To-day.

The Foreign Office has issued a long statement by the military authorities concerning shelling of the British men-of-war, H.M.S. Ladybird and H.M.S. Bee, on December 12, which is attributed by the Japanese to thick fog and the smoke screen rendering the vessels unidentifiable.

As Mr. Okamoto, the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, requested third powers on December 8, to evacuate their nationals from the zone of hostilities, the statement asserts that "the high commander and all his men" did not dream of the presence of any foreign vessels in the neighbourhood of the fighting area.

"SHOTS FELL SHORT"

However, the document proceeds that on the afternoon of December 11, more than ten large steamers were observed fleeing up river from Hsiakwan, Nanking's waterfront district.

The high commander ordered the nearby artillery corps to fire on the ships but the shots fell short, "to the chagrin of the Japanese soldiers."

The high commander then ordered units in the neighbourhood of Wuhu to attack the vessels.

STEAMERS IN FOG

Although there was dense fog on the morning of Dec. 12, the commander of the Japanese forces at Wuhu discovered after a while four large steamers anchored about three kilometres north of the city.

At about 9 a.m. some of the ships suddenly began sending up black smoke, whereupon the commander, deciding that the enemy was trying to hide behind a smoke-screen, ordered fire to be opened, and shells were seen to hit the forefront of the first and second ships.

One of the ships advanced towards the Japanese forces while the others vanished downstream.

As it drew near, the British flag was recognised, and the commander ordered the cease fire.

When the ship came alongside it was discovered to be H.M.S. Ladybird.

SECOND MISTAKE

At about 10 a.m., the statement declares, one shell was fired in mistake at a ship flying the British flag which was proceeding downstream. When the ship came alongside it was identified as H.M.S. Bee.

Rear-Admiral Hoff, Mr. Prideaux-Brune, British consul at Nanking, and other British officials, met the Japanese commander, who said the British flags could not be discerned owing to the fog and smoke, so the Japanese believed the British vessels were enemy ships.

UNINTENTIONAL

Furthermore, the statement asserts, it was the duty of this detachment to sink all enemy vessels on the river, while the Japanese units did not dream that any third-power vessels would be in such a dangerous fighting area.

The statement further adds that the vessels seemed to be landing Chinese on the river bank, and concludes that the firing was an entirely unintentional and unfortunate affair, and sincerely regretted by the Japanese command.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Robert Perry, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Hong Kong, and Miss Edwina Louisa Rogers, of No. 43, Grampian Road, Kowloon, has been announced.

BELGIAN RED CROSS APPEAL

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian Government has headed with 100,000 francs, the appeal by the Red Cross Committee for the aid of victims in the Chinese War. The national appeal has had the happiest results and the committee of the Belgian organisation formed in Shanghai is starting work immediately. — Reuter.

MISS JOAN MASSEY MARRIED

Miss Joan Mary Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Massey, well-known Shanghai interport tennis and badminton player, recently secretary to Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Shanghai Refugee Committee in Hong Kong, became the wife of Mr. James Gilbert Findlay, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Findlay of Muswell Hill, London at Holy Trinity Cathedral last week. Dean Trivett, performed the ceremony. The Cathedral, which was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens, was filled with the many friends of the young couple and of the bride's parents who are very well known in Shanghai, Mr. Massey having served for five years on the Municipal Council.

THREAT TO TSINGTAO MORE MENACING

Tsingtao, To-day.

With the Japanese threat to Tsingtao momentarily becoming more menacing, many Chinese employees have deserted their posts and evacuated the city.

The Postal Commissioner has appealed for volunteers and many foreigners have responded.

The Chinese staffs have also deserted many leading firms, including Butterfield and Swire and Jardine's, while evacuation of their staffs has forced three Chinese newspapers to cease publication.

Contradicting Chinese reports that General Yu Hsueh-chung's troops are moving westward from Tsingtao to support the Chinese lines at Weihien, Japanese sources state that General Yu's men were disheartened by the capture of Tsinan and Chowtsun and are retreating south.

TROOPS DISORGANISED

News of capture of Chowtsun, the Japanese add, by Japanese troops, caused disorganisation of the 114th and 198th divisions commanded by Gen. Yu.

Japanese reports also state that the ultimate destination of Gen. Yu's forces is believed to be Hsuehchow, in Kiangsu, and Pengpu, in Anhwei. — Reuter.

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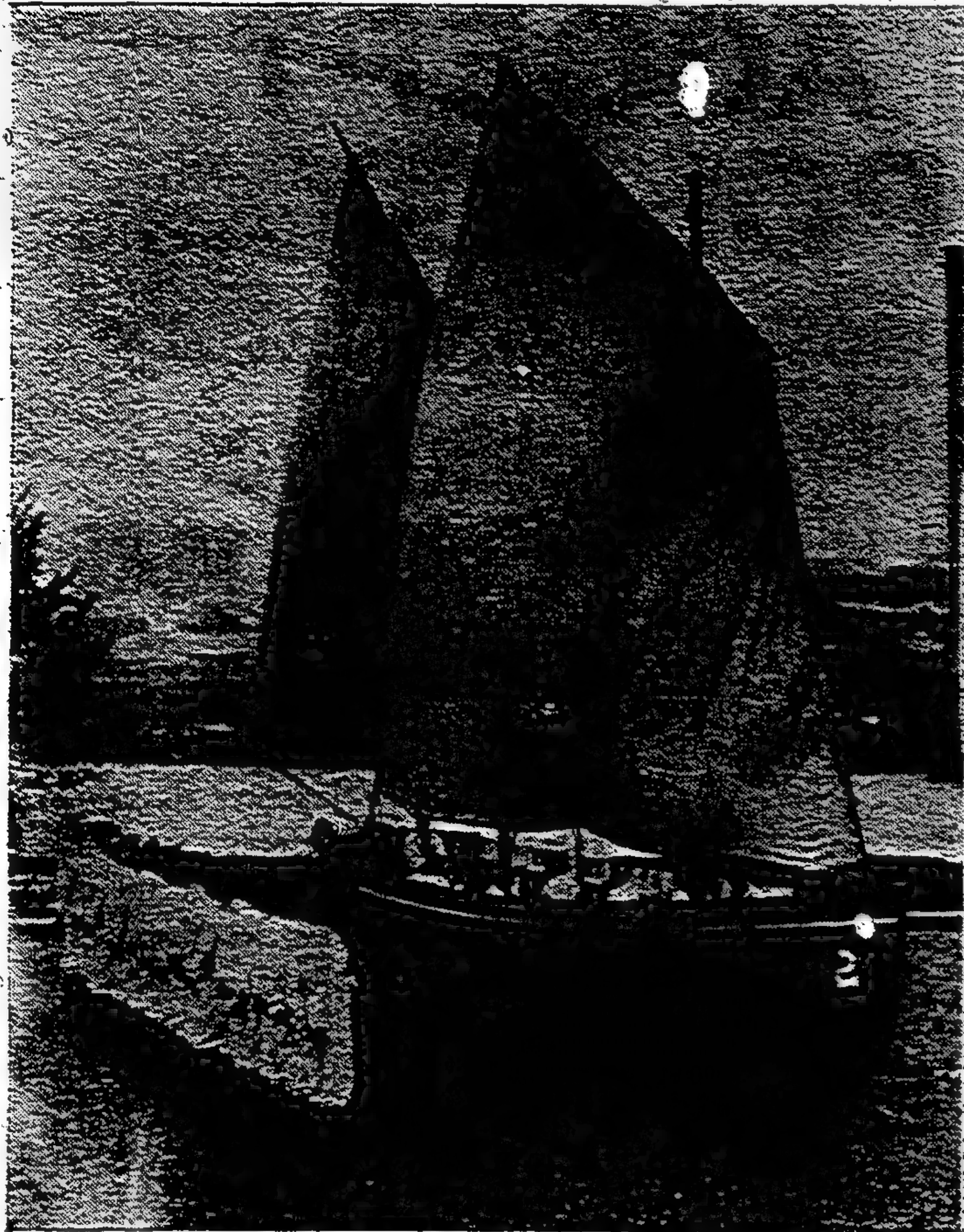
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A great statue of Britannia is to commemorate the first landing of British troops at Boulogne. M. Desrueilles is seen putting the finishing touches to the upper part of his Britannia. The men are placing in position the metal post which will be the haft of the trident. (Fox Copyright).

PARALLEL POLICY F

British Response To "New York Times" Suggestion

London, To-day.

The possibility, inevitability of closer co-operation between countries pledged to uphold a democratic form of government, particularly that between Britain and the United States, is the subject of lengthy comments in the "Times" which discusses future relations between Japan and America in the light of events in the Far East.

The paper says that it is an undoubted fact that the Yangtse outrages have considerably helped to form and mould the views of foreign Governments apart from having stiffened and shocked public opinion outside Japan.

Indeed, adds the "Times," they preserving peace in the Far East have not been without effect on public opinion in Japan.

The policy which Japan has elected to pursue in the Far East prescribes a course which of necessity will have to be adopted by other Powers. In this sense, concludes the "Times," the United States and Britain, which have the same interests to defend, will see themselves obliged to proceed along parallel lines.

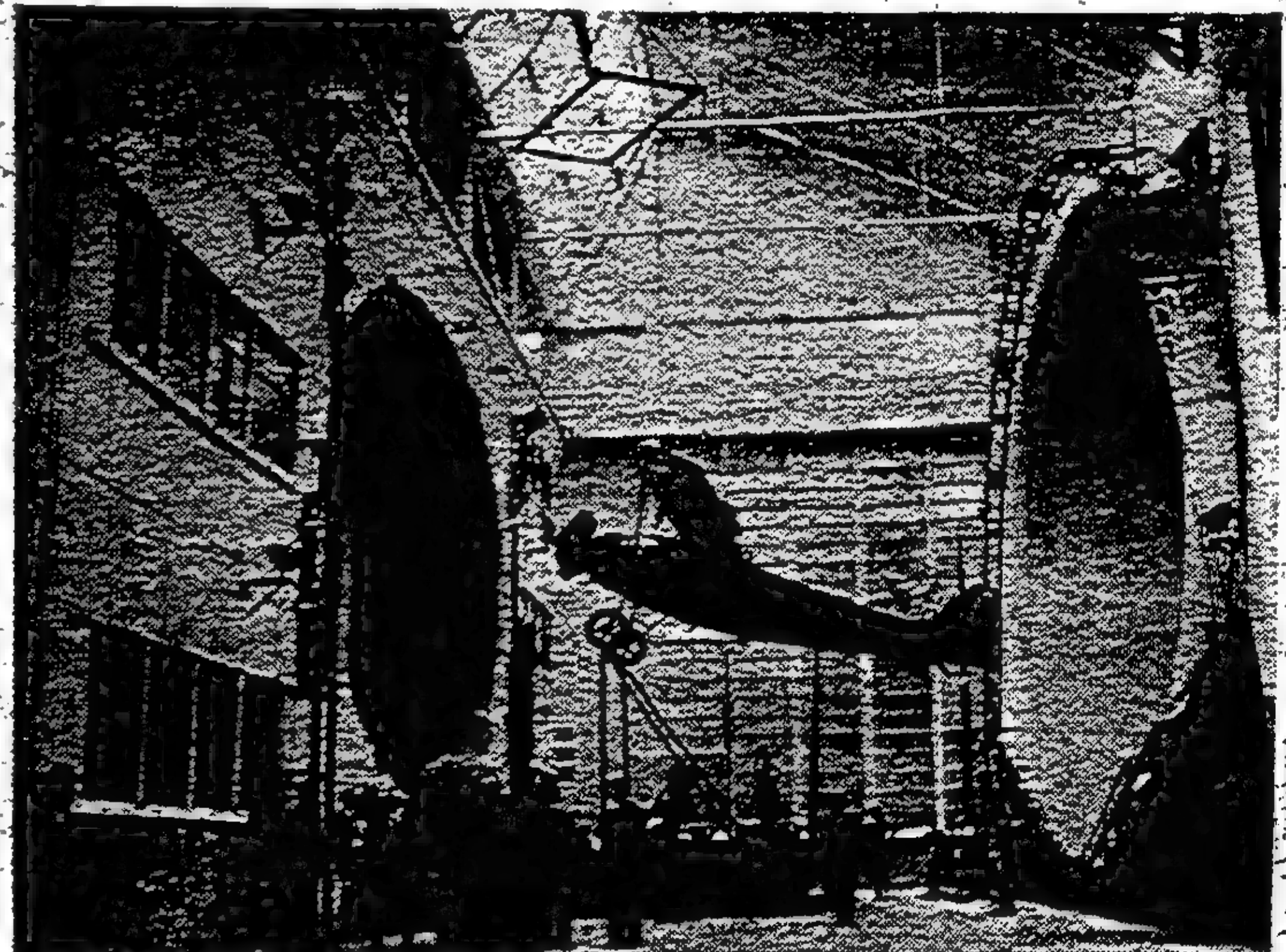
ACT IN CONSORT

The "Daily Telegraph" commenting on New York's appeal says that if the two democracies, Britain and the United States, agree to act in consort it is because they claim a big share of interest in

The "Daily Herald" says that co-operation with the United States on the present scale and intensity did not exist at all one year ago. It has already become a factor with which every potential aggressor would have to reckon.

PARALLEL LINES

The "News Chronicle," in reference to the same subject, is of the opinion that although the big democracies are determined to retain their independence of action they are bound to proceed along parallel lines — anything over and above this cannot be expected in view of the present state of American public opinion.—Trans-Ocean.



On the outskirts of Paris the French Air Ministry have erected a huge wind tunnel where full size aeroplanes are tested against wind resistance. This testing station which is at Chalais-Meudon has six propellers which work in parallel and create the artificial wind which can attain a speed of 105 m.p.h. (Fox Copyright).

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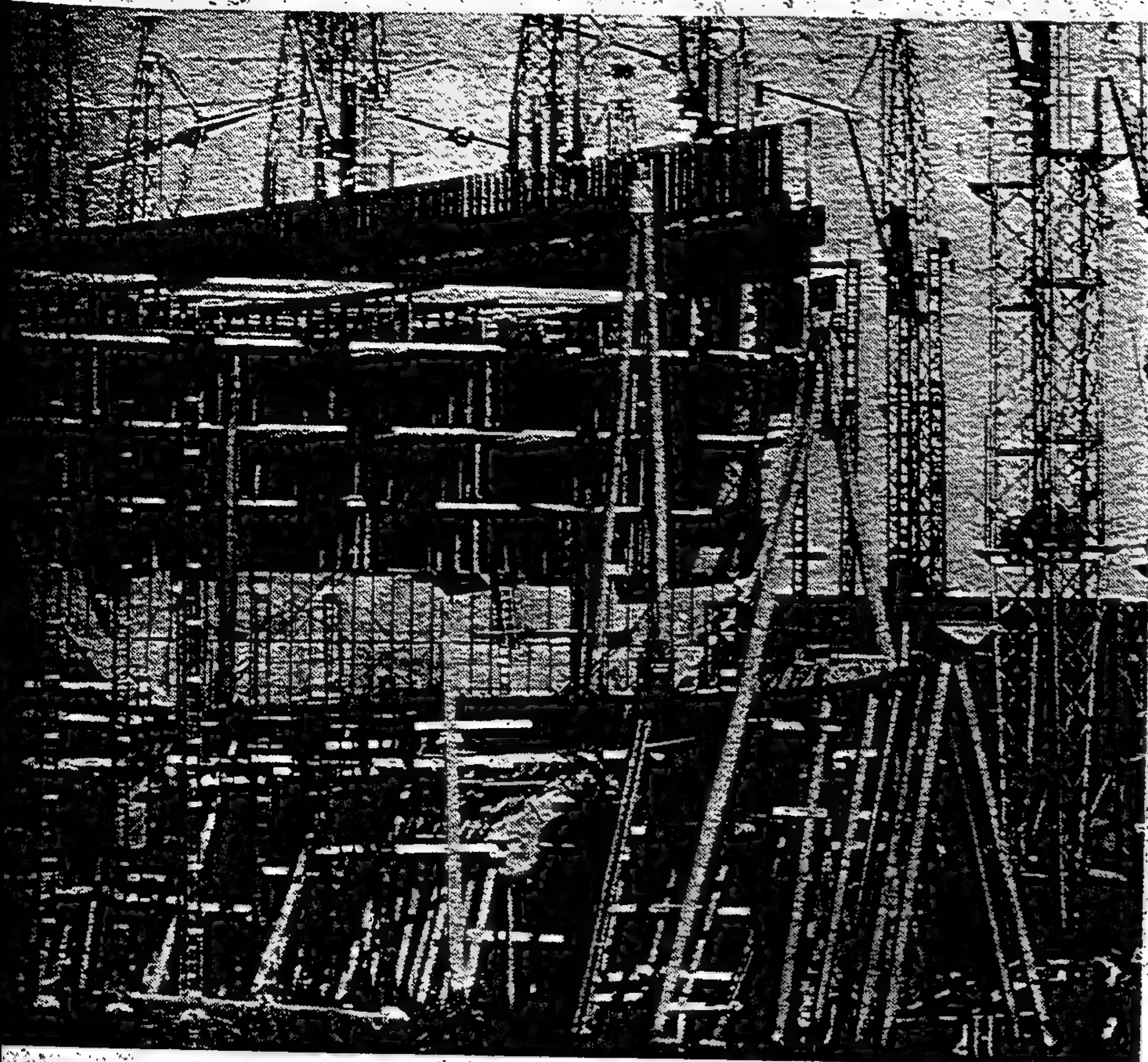
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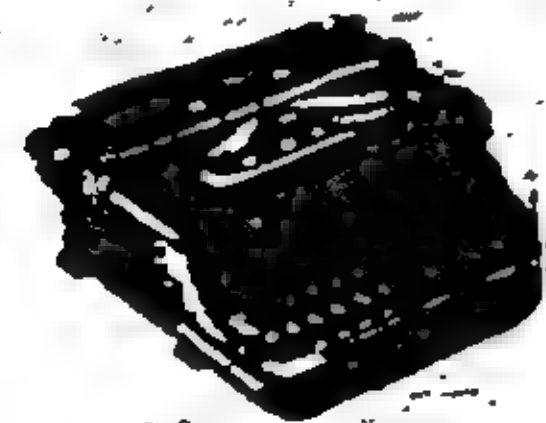
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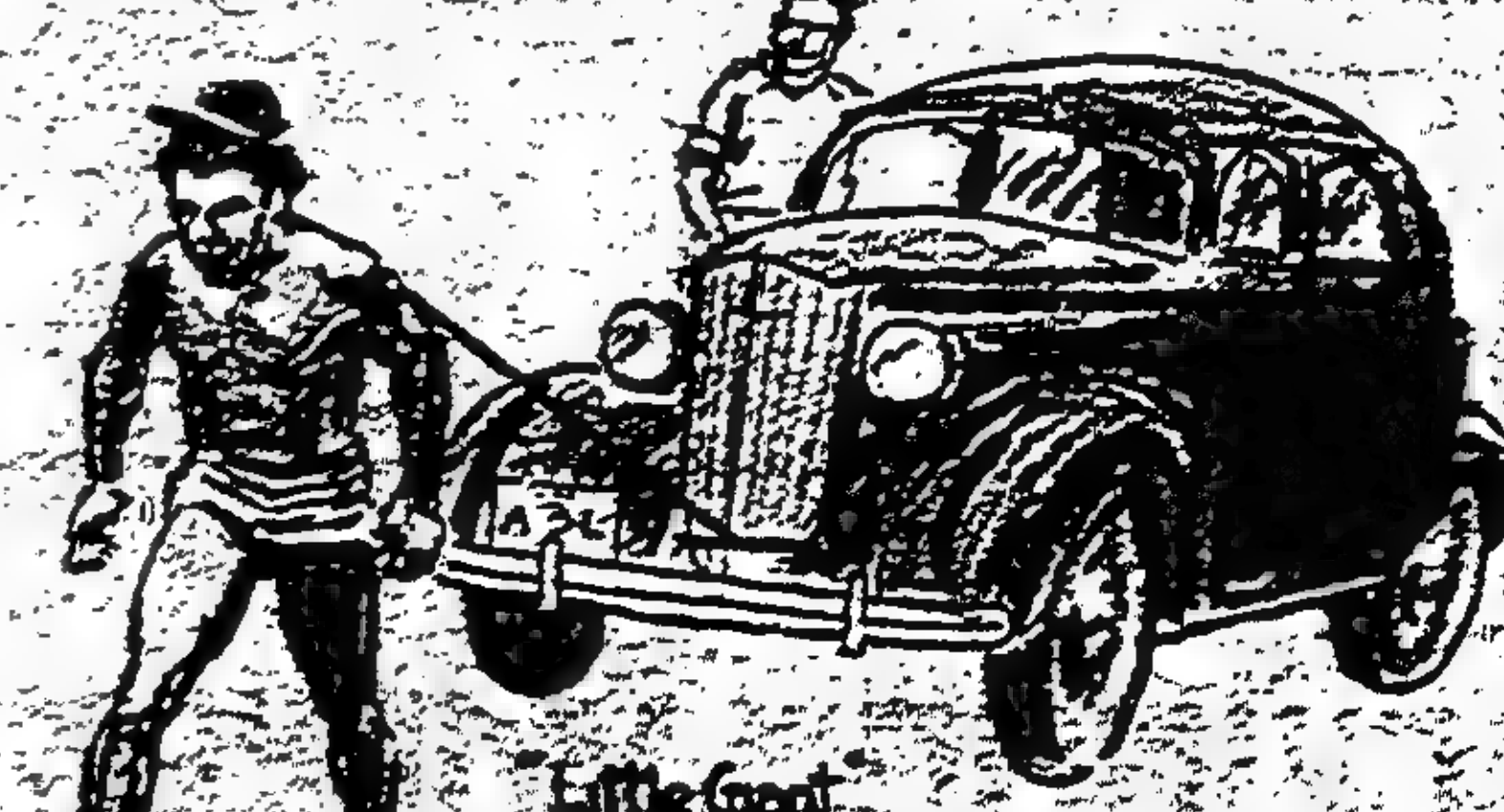


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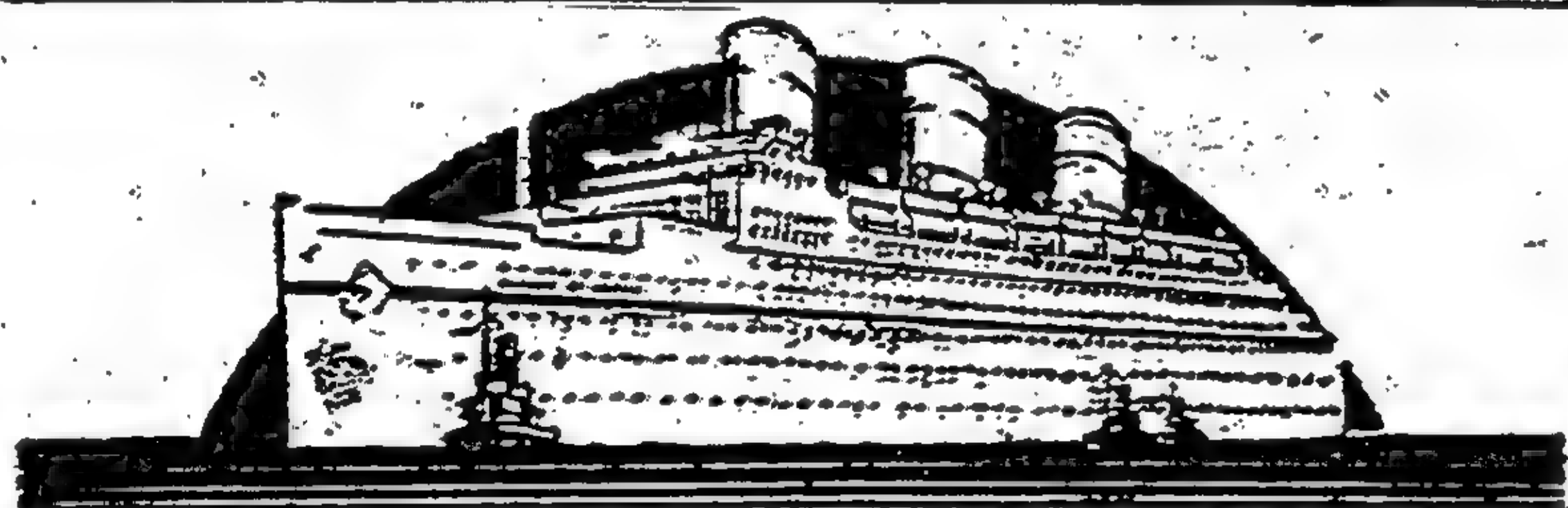
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LOCAL SHARE
MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank \$1425 b., \$1445 s.	
INSURANCES	
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SHIPPING	
Douglases \$48½ b.	
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H. K. Electrics \$50½ b., \$50½¼ s.	
MISCELLANEOUS	
Entertainments \$5.20 b.	
Constructions (Old) \$1½ b.	
Constructions (New) \$1 b.	
Hong Kong Mines 13 cts. s.	

Singapore Raw
Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan/March 23-¾ b.
April/June 24-¾ b. down ¾
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BRITISH BOOM
IN SHIP
BUILDING

London, To-day.

Shipbuilding has experienced a good year on Clydeside, which starts 1938 with 500,000 tons of merchant shipping on order as well as naval work to the value of \$50,000,000.

For shipbuilding generally, 1937 was made notable by the fact that a greater number of cruisers were completed for the Royal Navy than in any year since the Great War.

Seven cruisers, nine destroyers, three submarines, three minesweepers, three motor torpedo boats, as well as various experimental craft left the yards and joined the Fleet this year.

Tyneside, which has just benefited by two cruiser orders worth £3,000,000 has more than forty vessels of a combined tonnage of 330,000 tons under construction.—British Wireless.

JAPAN'S
FINANCIAL
OPTIMISM

Tokyo, To-day.

At a Cabinet council meeting held yesterday, the Minister for Finance gave an optimistic sketch of Japan's present financial situation. According to the Minister, Japan's foreign trade has increased by nine per cent. during the period extending from January 1 to December 1 and totalled 3,113,021,000 Yen while during the same period imports were increased six per cent. to 3,735,810,000 yen. —Trans-Ocean.

XMAS PRESSURE
ON POST OFFICE

London, To-day.

Post office business over Christmas was so great that detailed figures will not be available for some days, but it is already known that many services were working at 30 per cent. greater pressure than last year.—British Wireless.

AN AID TO PEACE

If Warmongers Went
Into Fighting Line

If warmongers were put in the fighting line in the event of war breaking out, the world would take a big stride towards peace.

This is the opinion of the Bishop of Ely (Dr. B. O. F. Heywood), expressed in a letter to the organisers of Cambridge's Peace Week.

The Bishop writes: "We must not disguise from ourselves how great is the task that lies before us—one in which success will not be achieved by the mere renunciation of war by a large number of our countrymen."

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Honolulu, and Japan ports on Xmas Day and is due at Hong Kong on Friday morning.

STOPGAP SILVER PRICE AGREEMENT

Washington, To-day.

A tentative agreement has been concluded between the United States and Mexico under which American purchases of Mexican silver through January will be continued at the same price as heretofore, which is about 45 cents an ounce.

The understanding represents a stopgap pending negotiations for a permanent agreement which, it is understood, cannot be reached until President Roosevelt has announced the domestic price policy for next year.—Renter.

BRITISH REVENUE FIGURES

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that with a week to go before the end of the third quarter of the financial year, the total ordinary revenue amounts to \$469,812,653, compared with \$443,578,800 at the corresponding date of last year. Some \$86,211,000 of income tax has been collected out of \$288,150,000 estimated for the whole year and compared with \$73,662,000 at this time a year ago.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items, is \$637,367,814 compared with \$579,618,083 at the corresponding date of 1936.

Total floating debt outstanding on December 25, was \$983,040,000 compared with \$851,310,000 on December 26, 1936, and represented a net increase of \$284,910,000 since March 31.—British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18-3/16 and forward at 18%.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.9968 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.9934.

JAPAN AND ITALY

Tokyo, To-day.

The Trade Treaty between Japan and Italy, negotiations for which have been under way for some time, is to be concluded at the beginning of next month, according to the "Asahi Shimbun." The new Trade Treaty contains extension of former provisions to apply to new Italian possessions in East Africa.—Trans-Ocean.

The B. I. steamship Talma is leaving Amoy for this port to-day, and is due here to-morrow. She will leave for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta on Saturday, Jan. 1, at 10.30 a.m.

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COOMBES BOWLS REALLY WELL BUT WITHOUT FORTUNE

K.C.C. BATTING COLLAPSE AGAINST NAVY IN ANNUAL FIXTURE

(By "ADREM")

A glorious hit into the Supreme Court which landed on the first floor, another six off the next ball and then l.b.w., thus the concluding episode in one of the finest innings I have seen this season—91 by Alec Pearce for the Club against the Army in the Triangular Cricket Tournament on Monday.

PEARCE WAS AT HIS BEST AND WAS ALWAYS A JOY TO WATCH. THE EPITOME OF GRACE EVEN WHEN DEFENDING, HE PUNISHED WITH RUTHLESSNESS ANYTHING BUT A REALLY GOOD BALL. OFF-DRIVING, CUTTING, HITTING, HE WAS MASTERLY BUT IT WAS HIS HOOKING THAT I LIKED BEST—ALL ALONG THE CARPET TO HIT THE RAILS WITH A BANG.

Club were definitely unfortunate in not winning outright. I am not aware of the rules under which the Triangular Tournament is conducted—very likely there are no hard and fast rules—but, as this game was played over one day and the inter-Services fixture over two, the final standing is hardly likely to present a fair estimate of the relative strengths of the three teams.

On thinking matters over, however, I am not sure that the disparity in time makes very much difference, as one game is decided on one innings and the other on two and I suppose it all works out.

In this particular game, the Army, who have already been beaten by the Navy, with two wickets in hand, were some 76 runs in arrears and unless something really phenomenal happened, were faced with certain defeat.

PERFECT CRICKET WEATHER

In bright sunshine, altogether a perfect day for cricket, Kilbee and Richardson opened for the Club. The former was dismissed after he had scored six but on Alec Pearce becoming associated with Richardson, some of the brightest cricket of the day was seen.

Both batsmen had a great deal of rank had bowling served up to them but both made the best of all opportunities and the scoring became fast and furious. While never as elegant as his partner, at one period Richardson was every bit as effective and it came as a great surprise when he took a crack at a full-toss, evidently with the intention of hitting it out of the ground, and put up a sitter to Murray at mid-on, which the latter held.

DANGEROUS BOWLER

Marshall replaced him and never looked happy. At this stage Cheyney and Coombes were bowling, and while the former kept a fair length, without ever appearing dangerous, Coombes looked like getting a wicket at any moment. He completely slow-

ed up Alec Pearce—no mean feat when that batsman is set—but although he beat the bat often enough, he was completely out of luck and not until Rawstone, behind the wicket, held a snick from Owen Hughes, did he secure his first victim.

Meanwhile, Marshall had determined on do-or-die tactics, but after hitting Cheyney for two lusty fours in the general direction of long-on, he skied one of Mackintosh-Walker and was out.

PRE-LUNCH CENTURY

As I have already said, Alec Pearce had slowed down his rate of scoring considerably, Coombes having knocked him off his stride. Nevertheless he secured his singles and an occasional four and at 12.30, prospects of a pre-lunch century appeared fairly bright. When he opened up to Cheyney, it seemed certain.

He crashed one ball to the on-side of the screen into the first floor of the Supreme Court with as lusty a hit as has been seen on the Club ground for many a day, sent the next over mid-off and the rails and with everyone keyed up for some more fireworks, slammed at another ball missed it, and to everyone's surprise was given out l.b.w. to a ball which must have just grazed his pad.

SPECULATION

His had been an absolutely glorious innings, elegance personified, and provided room for speculation as to how far he would have gone in first-class cricket had he stayed in England. He is certainly the finest batsman who has ever played in the Far East and I, who have seen most of the stars in action at one time or another, exclude nobody.

Following his dismissal, it was only natural that the remainder of the batting appeared flat. R. D. Allen,



a visitor from Malaya, and John Pearce reached the twenties and a declaration was made at 253 for 7.

SLOW SCORING

The Army innings commenced shortly before 3 o'clock, Murray and Jones opening to Baker and Owen Hughes. Scoring at the outset was slow, as was only natural in view of the big total with which they were faced. With the score at 33, Jones was caught at cover off Owen Hughes and MacLagan who was next, did not long survive. Mackintosh-Walker, however, batted attractively and neither batsmen appeared in any difficulty, although the scoring was on the slow side.

With the total just over the 100 mark, Murray was out, l.b.w. to Alec Pearce, for a most invaluable 41. Mackintosh-Walker continued to bat attractively and eventually scored 56 but no one else met with much success.

KOWLOON MATCH

The annual, much-looked-forward-to game between the K. C. C. and the Navy, was marred to a great extent by the unfortunate injury to Kryke but was, nevertheless, an interesting game with joviality and the Christmas tiffin as usual, a great feature.

The home team was led by Donald Anderson in the absence of Frank Goodwin, and lost by 30 runs. Anderson was unsuccessful in the toss and Navy took first use of the wicket, A. B. Smith and Skelton opening. The former made 10, Skelton 38 and Cotman 34 and at the tiffin interval, the score was just over 100 with four wickets down.

QUICK WICKETS

Following the interval, Navy from quite a respectable position, lost several quick wickets to Perry, and with Anderson ringing the bowling changes with frequency none of the succeeding batsmen were given an opportunity to settle down until Kryke came in and started to make the fur fly.

He hit one colossal six off Robbie Lee over the bank on the long side near Gun Club Hill Barracks and the following over attempted to repeat the shot. The ball went straight up off the edge of his bat and struck him a nasty blow in the eye. He fell like a log and on being carried off the field, it was found that he had been badly gashed. An ambulance was sent for and he was removed to hospital.

STRONG COME-BACK

Robbie Lee, after an absence of over a month, bowled on the top of his form and throughout his 14 odd overs was only hit to the boundary when Kryke got going. His final analysis was 3 for 27.

Perry and Anderson started the K. C. C. innings at about 3.40 and hoisted 53 before the latter played one on to his pad which rebounded and broke the wicket. Although he gave no chance he was not nearly as convincing as he usually is. There was a tendency to feel for length balls in a manner not usually associated with him. He made some very pretty drives along the carpet through the covers.

Perry was in excellent form and scored with equal facility all round the wicket. He was severe on anything over-pitched and brought off some really first-class late squarecuts. Joined by Ernie Fincher, he carried the score to just over 90 before Ernie was bowled by Paxton for a very shaky 12.

A PROCESSION

Once Perry had been nicely held in the deep by Brokenshire, substituting for Kryke, the remainder of the K.C.C. innings was just a procession, apart from a restrained 15 by Arthur Lay, and it realised 127 runs.

Paxton was the chief reason for the collapse although it must be admitted that most of the home batsmen got themselves out. A left-hander, he kept a good length and turned away very sharply to the off. Cotman bore the brunt of the attack and bowled unchanged to take 5 for 58 in 17.1 overs.

On the Navy ground, King's Park, K.C.C. juniors avenged the defeat of their senior team and beat Navy seconds by 105 runs. The chief feature of the visiting team's batting, was the brilliant form, displayed by young F. J. Lay, a brother of B. D. Lay, playing in his first



match for the Club. He took heavy toll of the Navy attack and was top-scorer with 69. Mulcahy and Dunne also made useful contributions and the innings closed at 197. Woods bowled steadily to take 6 for 36.

ANNUAL FIXTURES

With all the K.C.C. bowlers showing consistency, Navy were dismissed for 92, Fynn and Wanchope alone meeting with any measure of success.

Two other enjoyable annual fixtures were played, one between the Local and European staffs of the Hong Kong Electric and the other between the Married and Single men of the Craigengower C. C.

W. TAYLOR WINS K.G.C. TITLE FOR FIRST TIME

Junior Title Semi-Finals

The Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club played over 36 holes, last Sunday, resulted in an easy victory for W. Taylor, who defeated F. E. A. Remedios by 10 and 9, after turning 8 up on the morning round.

This constitutes the first victory in this tournament for Taylor, who has consistently been a strong contender for the honour for many years.

The Junior Championship Semi-Final rounds resulted in F. A. Hill and W. Bastin winning to contest the final. Hill defeated J. R. Leitch at the 19th, and Bastin defeated W. Kershaw 3 by 1.

The Christmas Stableford Competition was won by G. Milne, with a score of 20 points; P. J. Bone, with 19½ points being the runner-up.

NAVY TROUNCE FRIENDLY MATCH AT CAUSEWAY BAY IN NATURE OF TRIAL GUDGEON'S WEAKNESS AT STAND-OFF-HALF WALTERS AND HARVEY SHINE FOR WINNERS

(By "REFEREE")

IN spite of the fact that they fielded a very much weaker back division, the Royal Navy proved much too strong for the Army in their friendly Rugby encounter on the Causeway Bay ground yesterday when the Senior Service won by three goals, two dropped goals and five tries (38 points) to a goal and a try (8 points) after an interval lead of 21 points to 5.

THE ENCOUNTER WAS REALLY IN THE NATURE OF A TRIAL FOR THE ROYAL NAVY, WHO WILL MEET THE CLUB IN THEIR ALL IMPORTANT TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT ENCOUNTER NEXT SATURDAY, (NEW YEAR'S DAY) IN WHAT WILL PROBABLY DECIDE THE SERIES.

The Navy were without the services of two very good backs in A. B. Marsh, of the Decoy, and Sub. Lt. Kyrke, of the Regent, the latter being on the injured list. Marsh is available for next Saturday's match and was only rested yesterday in order to give Lt. Elliot, who has only recently recovered from tonsillitis, a chance to get into condition again.

After a very promising start, the Army fell away badly yesterday, defence being their weakest point although in the first seven minutes of the game they more than held their own against the fast and tricky Navy three-quarters and halves.

The Army have discovered two fairly useful backs in Pte. Sadler, of the Middlesex Regiment, and Pte. Telford, of the Ordnance Corps, both of whom displayed a fine turn of speed and tackled low, but the rest of the Army back division was disappointing with the exception of Lt. MacLagan, at full-back, where a safe pair of hands and sound kicking saved the Army from a bigger defeat.

RAN BLINDLY

Rainey and Peachey, forming the Army left-wing three-quarter combination, were not at all safe and although the former scored a good try, the rest of his play was not duly impressive. Peachey's defence was good, but as an attacking player he failed badly. He ran blindly and invariably passed the ball either a second too early or too late.

Gudgeon, at stand-off-half, was probably the weakest Army player on view. His job was to give his three-quarters an opening, and, in this, he failed badly. Time and again he was given the ball but pass the ball before it was too late he would not. He attempted to bore his way through a crowd of players and was always grassed by a mob of Navy forwards.

MUCH TOO SLOW

Beadnell, at scrum-half, was much too slow in trying to get the ball away to his three-quarters and was often smothered in possession by Talbot. The Army pack commenced very promisingly, but after 10 minutes faded away and more often than not were beaten for the ball in both the tight and loose scrums.

The Navy back division, although without the services of Marsh and Kyrke, proved too good for the opposition. Ellis gave a splendid exhibition at full-back which was only marred by hesitation in tackling Rainey before the latter scored the Army first try, otherwise his handling, touch-finding and initiating movements were very good.

GOOD GOAL-KICKER

Northcott and Elliot formed the right-wing partnership.

The latter was inclined to be wild with some of his passes in the second half, but the former was very fast, possessed a good hand-off and shone at goal-kicking and on this alone he should make Saturday's team.

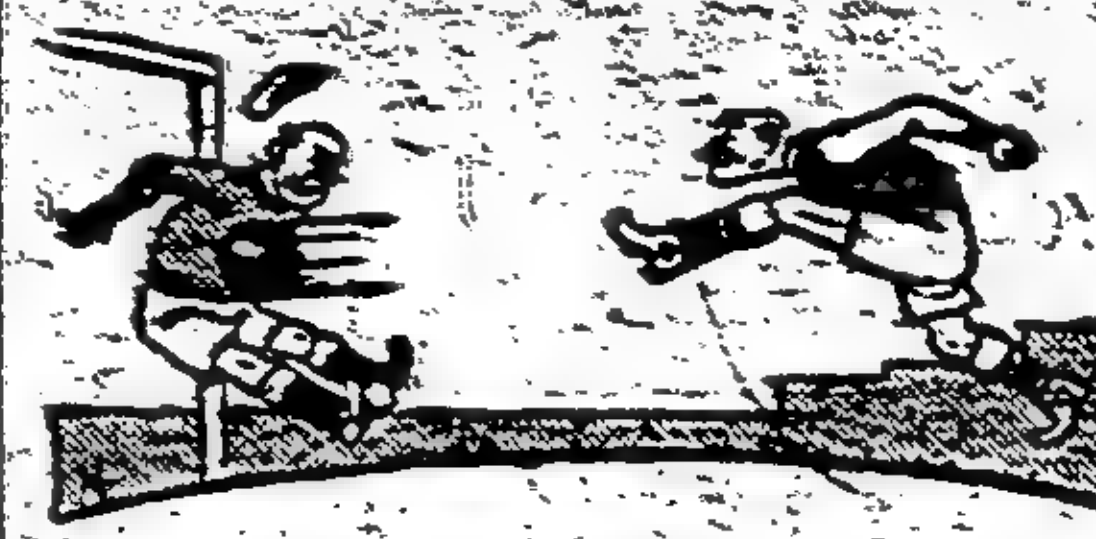
Harvey and Walters were in brilliant form on the left-wing, the latter displaying an amazing turn of speed and completely outdistanced the Army backs. Walsham and Talbot were equally brilliant as stand-off-half and scrum-half, respectively, and will probably be paired next Saturday. All the forwards shone.

HEAVY SCORING

After the Army had dominated the exchanges during the first seven minutes, the Navy opened their account through Northcott. Harvey with a try and a dropped goal, and Ogle, Walters and Northcott with tries, one of which was converted by the last named, adding to their total. Rainey broke through a few minutes from the interval for the Army first try which Gillespie improved upon amidst a terrific roar of encouragement from the spectators.

In the second half Harvey injured his foot and left the field and soon after Rowlands also left the field. The Navy added to their first half score with three more tries through Walters (2) and Woods, two of which were converted by

ARMY AT RUGBY



HOME FOOTBALL YESTERDAY

London, To-day.
A number of English League matches, postponed recently were played yesterday, with results as follows:

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa	3	Barnsley	0
West Ham	3	Norwich	3
Notts F.	2	Manchester U.	3

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Swindon	1	Queen's P.R.	3
Watford	4	Torquay	0
Bristol R.	1	Bristol C.	0
Clapton O.	0	Brighton	3

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Port Vale	1	Lincoln	0
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—Reuter.

Northcott, and a dropped goal through Walsham, while the Army's last score came from Lt. I. A. MacLagan.

Royal Navy:—Surg. Lt. Ellis (Medway); Lt. Walters (Olympus), Lt. Harvey (Odin) (Captain), Lt. Elliot (Eagle) and A. B. Northcott (Adventure); Lt. Walsham (Adventure) and Lt. Talbot (Odus); Sergt. Burston (Adventure), Sig. Ford (Tamar), A. B. Romans (Eagle); Ldg. Tel. Crabbe (Adventure), A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); Lt. Woods (Crampus), Lt. Anderson (Olympus) and Lt. Ogle (Phoenix).

Army:—Lt. R. D. MacLagan (Seaforths); Pte. Sadler (Middlesex), Pte. Telford (R.A.O.C.), Pte. Rainey (Seaforths) and Pte. Peachey (Seaforths); Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex), and Lt. Beadnell (Middlesex); Pte. Watson (Seaforths), Pte. Kowles (Seaforths), Sgt. Bailey (Seaforths); Cpl. Wainscote (R.C. of Signals), 2/Lt. I. A. MacLagan (Seaforths); Lt. Crawford (R.C. of Signals), Capt. Gillespie (R.E.) and Fus. Rowlands (Fusiliers).

ENGLAND'S FIRST RUGBY TRIAL

W. S. KEMBLE AS
STAND OFF TO
GILES

F. M. McRAE IN
CENTRE

London, November 23.

Two very interesting teams have been selected for the first England Rugby trial, to be played at Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, next Saturday week, and for once in a way there are no real surprises, writes Howard Marshall on November 23.

It may seem odd to find a player named McRae in the Possibles' centre, but he is a very promising player, and that is the main qualification for most countries nowadays.

The fact that his name suggests Scotland or the North of Ireland—anything but England—is adjudged irrelevant. So difficult it is to establish nationality that it is left to the individual, when approached by selectors, to nominate the country of his choice.

LUCKY CLAIM

We may take it, therefore, that the various selection committees are satisfied about McRae, with the afterthought that England are lucky to have established a claim to him.

This trial, at any rate, is a serious affair, and not merely—as the first trial match has sometimes been in the past—a weeding-out of unlikely candidates. We must remember that University players have still to be considered, but with that proviso, the England team is taking definite shape.

WELCOMED

The appearance of R. A. Gerrard at full-back will be generally welcomed. Gerrard has been playing in representative football so long that he is apt to be regarded, quite erroneously, as a veteran. He is young enough to serve England for some years yet, and he has been in great form this season.

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R. M. HENDERSON,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 24th December, 1937.



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of January 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road near Quarry Bay in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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N. E. WINDS

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone appears to be regaining intensity and pressure is now highest to the west of Shantung.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

WHEN THE PRESS PUT ONE OVER ON THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSN.

1929 INTERNATIONAL ENCOUNTER

(By OLD HAND)

Glasgow, November 16.

NEVER a football season passes without some provocative action by that important body, the S.F.A. Selection Committee. Choose whom they may for their international team, they fail to please all the critics, professional or "lay." For example, it is dinned into our ears or thrust into our eyes that Scotland must have the strongest possible team to meet Wales in Wales. "We shall be lucky if we draw" is the puerile wail of the alleged critics.

These ingenuous gentlemen appear to forget that we have done very well in Wales even with teams that were not hailed as world-beaters—as "Wizards," or anything like that. In 1926, for example, we sent down a team that, including as it did two Queen's Park men, met with a mixed reception when the names were published. Yet that eleven returned with a 3-0 victory!

The Scottish team was:—McClory (Motherwell); McStay (Celtic) and W. Wiseman (Queen's Park); Gibson (Patrick Thistle), R. Gillespie (Queen's Park), and McMillan (Manchester City); Jackson (Huddersfield), Cunningham (Rangers), Gallacher (Newcastle United), McInally and McLean (Celtic). The Welsh selection:—Gray, Evans and Jenkins; Bennion, Keenor, and Jennings; W. Davies, Stan Davies, Fowler, Jones, and Vizard.

A REDEEMING QUALITY

Ours was not a great team in play, but it had the redeeming quality of punch. In the game no player topped his club form—which is not at all to anyone's discredit. Bob Gillespie held back for a long spell. Only after we had secured a commanding lead did the Queen's pivot come out of his defensive shell. When he did decide to operate away from his base, McInally and Cunningham, who had played more or less as half



backs, moved into the van, and Wales then knew what it was to encounter a Scottish team at its best. Hugh Gallacher got the first goal in characteristic fashion. Closely attended as he was by Keenor and Jenkins, he yet contrived to connect with an ideal cross by McLean, and nodded cleverly into the net. That goal was the culmination of a very fine move in which McMillan and McInally had the honours.

HANDSHAKES TO McLEAN

Alec Jackson, I recall, bowled over a byeline camera-man with a terrific shot. That was but a preliminary, so to speak, to the real stuff. The Huddersfield winger nodded home a ball and so secured our second. The handshakes, however, went to McLean, who had put the point in Jackson's pocket, so to speak.

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When Jackson shot our third, goalkeeper Gray simply stood still. He had not the ghost of a chance with Alec's drive, delivered on the run in typical Jackson style.

Our 1929 contest at Cardiff stands out in one's memory for a variety of reasons, not least of which concerns the ridiculous action of the S.F.A. "heads" in excluding newspaper men from the official party saloon on the journey to London—in fact, on the entire journey to Cardiff.

"BRIGHT" PRESSMEN

Two bright members of the Press, on the morning of departure from Central Station, Glasgow, posted a printed notice on "their" saloon, which the "heads" must necessarily pass on the way up the train. The councillors stopped and read this:—"Press saloon. S.F.A. members will be admitted to this saloon only on producing a pass signed by the wine waiter."

On the Saturday night journey from Cardiff to London, one Pressman insisted to the guard of the train that the doors between the two saloons must be kept open, as in the event of an accident access was imperative between one coach and the other. The doors, which had been locked at the request of the S.F.A. officials, were left open thereafter, to the surprise and discomfort of certain parties. The "exclusion" rule was soon abandoned by the S.F.A.

THE 1929 GAME

Scotland won 4-2 in 1929 yet we were described as being lucky, as most of the players were much too "cocky." John Johnston, however, revealed the "urge" and from his constructive work came Gallacher's opening goal, following a clean-cut run and cross by Alan Morton.

The little centre had the second from an open position. Alec James grieved his colleagues by holding too long. Alec Jackson was surprisingly subdued.

Near the end of the first half Jack Harkness accomplished one of the most brilliant saves of his career. W. Davies sent over a glorious cross, seemingly well out of Harkness's reach. But the goalkeeper jumped panther-like, and got just the tips of his fingers to the ball, sufficient to veer it past the well-placed waiting Welshmen.

MISSED "SIFTER"

Early in the second half the Welsh crowd roared with glee. Gallacher had possession right in front of goal, and missed. I likened the incident to one of a marksman walking right up to a bull's-eye, taking steady aim, and missing the target altogether. Gallacher was not more than three yards from the goal at the time and had "tons" of time to choose his spot.

O'Callaghan equalised for Wales, but goals by James and Jackson gave us a victory that impressed only by the extent of the margin, and not by any football superiority of our fellows. But then—that is international football!

CONDITIONAL SCORING IN SOFTBALL BY MAN ON THIRD

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(TO-DAY'S "SPOT-LIGHT")

(By "SHORTSTOP")

A point that caused considerable argument in a game recently has prompted this printing of the official ruling on the scoring of runs. The matter for argument came up as follows: runner on third leaves his base legally, after the pitch, and runs toward home, catcher throws to the third baseman to catch the runner, runner comes home and the umpire permits him to score. Was the umpire right?

The answer is yes. When the catcher elected to play the runner, rather than return the ball to the pitcher, the runner was permitted to score if he could do so.

Rule 28, Section 2, says that a runner on third base, when a pitch is started, cannot score on any pitched ball which passes the batter, provided the catcher returns the ball directly to the pitcher, except when the bases are full and the runner is forced to advance by reason of the batsman being awarded a base on balls, or if an illegal pitch (or balk) is declared.

A runner on third, when the pitch started, may score on a fair hit ball, or on a play on himself or on any other runner.

IF HE CAN MAKE IT

Note.—Any attempt to make a play on a runner who is trying to score, or who is returning to third base, after a pitched ball, releases that runner from the necessity of returning to third base and permits him to score if he can make it.

A runner on third base, when the pitch started, may score on a pitched ball which passes the batter if the ball is then thrown to any fielder other than the pitcher.

INTERNATIONAL

There are no new developments on the International Softball Series, but it is almost certain that the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association will accept the sponsorship of these games.

Favourable comment has been passed by those concerned with it immediately, and there is every likelihood that the series will receive the necessary support.

The proceeds will be given to a worthy charity and it is entirely in keeping with the spirit of sportsmanship that prevails in this sport.

"SPOTLIGHT"

James Joseph King was born in Hong Kong 30 years ago and received his education at the Diocesan Boys' School, where he played all forms of sport and was a member of the school teams in soccer and cricket, in his senior year. He was also a good track man over 100 and 220 yards.

After the completion of his school days, Jim played soccer for the H. K. Football Club and later for the Kowloon Football Club.

Jim has never played baseball, but he intends having a fling at the game next season, when the Central British Association will enter a team in the local League.

However, he played Softball for the first time about three years ago and on the strength of this was elected manager of the C.B.A. Softball team.

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The keen interest in which he has taken in Softball is evident by the fact that he is the donor of the Shield for the coming International Softball Series, which will begin about the end of next month.



ENGLAND'S FIRST RUGBY TRIAL

(Continued from Page 19)

H. S. Sever, to our severe loss, has retired from big football, but R. B. Horsley, who takes his place on the left wing, is a runner just as difficult to stop in his own way. The selectors have quite properly persevered with the remaining three-quarters who played against Scotland last year.

REYNOLDS STILL ABROAD

F. J. Reynolds is not back from abroad yet, but in the meanwhile it will be instructive to see how W. S. Kemble, a quick and most versatile attacking player, fares at stand-off half.

On current form, J. L. Giles was obviously first choice at scrum-half, and if the forwards are reasonably well balanced, the comparison between Kemble and Giles and the Possibles pair, B. C. Gadney and J. R. Auty, should be most interesting.

BASED ON LAST YEAR

Gadney very wisely does not believe in starting the season too early, but he should just about have played himself into form by Saturday week.

The England forwards are based upon the pack which did such solid work last year, with E. A. Hamilton-Hill and C. Thompson, of the Harlequins coming deservedly into the back row. There will be stiff competition for places in

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the front row, for R. E. Prescott, A. P. Hughes and G. T. Dancer are a formidable trio in the Possibles pack.

SEATON OR HAMILTON-HILL

D. W. Standeven and D. Cummins make a strong Possibles second row, and the selectors must have thought long and hard before they left so fine a player as A. Seaton out of the England side, though Hamilton-Hill has certainly proved his worth as a constructive back-row forward.

The Possibles backs are a likely lot, and if L. A. Booth is playing as well as he did two years ago he will challenge Unwin vigorously for the right wing position. R. H. Guest looked good on the left wing in last winter's trials, and Uren, of Cheshire, is a sound full-back.

When we remember that such players as H. D. Freakes, A. Obolensky, W. H. Roden, J. D. Low and sundry University forwards have yet to come into the reckoning, we must agree that England's prospects are reasonably cheerful.

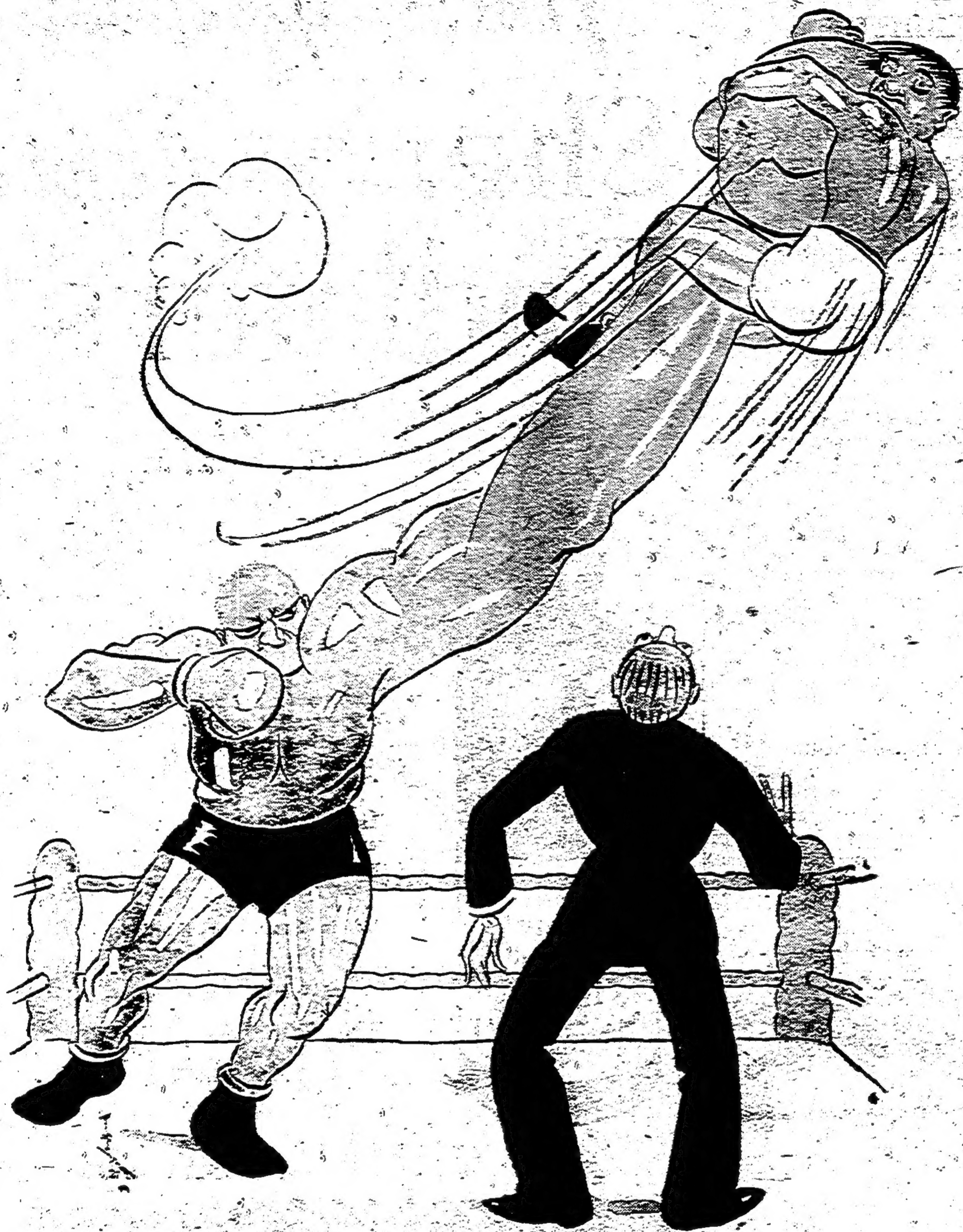
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E. J. Unwin (Army and Rosslyn Park)
P. Cranmer (Moseley)
P. L. Gandler (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)
R. B. Horsley (Harlequins)
W. S. Kemble (Harlequins)
J. L. Giles (Coventry)
R. J. Longland (Northampton)
H. B. Toft (Waterloo)
H. F. Wheatley (Coventry)
A. Wheatley (Coventry)
T. F. Huskisson (O. Merchant Taylors)
E. Hamilton-Hill (Harlequins)
C. Thompson (Harlequins)
W. H. Weston (Northampton)

POSSIBLES

H. J. M. Uren (Waterloo)
L. A. Booth (Headingley)
F. M. McRae (St. Mary's Hospital)
R. Leyland (Aldershot (Services))
R. H. Guest (Liverpool University)
J. R. Auty (Headingley)
B. C. Gadney (Headingley)
R. E. Prescott (Harlequins)
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DUTCH PROTEST AGAINST HAICHOW RAID

Shanghai, To-day.

The Dutch Consul-General at Shanghai has lodged a strong protest with the Japanese authorities against the indiscriminate bombing of Haichow, which involved the destruction of the buildings of the Netherland Harbour Works Company when three Japanese planes dropped bombs on the Linyun Harbour on Christmas morning of 25th inst.

Three bombs directly fell on the buildings in question although Netherland flags were flying over them.

The Dutch Consul-General demands indemnification for losses sustained by the Netherland Harbour Works Company.—Hua Nan.

NEW SHANGHAI REGIME FIXED BY JAPANESE

Shanghai, To-day.

An agreement for organisation of a new regime in Shanghai was signed by the Japanese authorities and a group of Chinese leaders on Monday this week, states a Chinese report.

The new organisation is to be known as the Association of Shanghai Municipalities.

The committee is stated to include, amongst others, Wang

JAPANESE MARTIAL LAW IN SHANGHAI

Washington, To-day.

Further press reports that the Japanese institution of military courts, to which foreigners would be subjected in the occupied Chinese areas and Japanese-occupied areas of the Settlement, conflicted with American and other nations' extraterritorial rights, has aroused the continued interest of the State Department.

Mr. Cordell Hull told the press yesterday that his advisers were gathering the full facts regarding the matter but they had not yet assembled enough information to express an opinion on the merits of the situation.—Reuter.

BRITISH AGENT IN SALAMANCA

Paris, To-day.

British diplomatic and commercial interests in Nationalist Spain have now fully been taken over by Sir Robert Hodgson, first British Agent.

The charge d'affaires at the British Embassy, with headquarters at Barcelona, attends to Britain's interests in Republican Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

Ping-yen, Chow Wen-jui, Loh Pa-hong, and Feng Ping-nam.

Almost all the nominees are well-known local industrialists and businessmen.—Reuter.

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Canton, To-day.

Three Japanese bombers raided the Canton-Kowloon Line shortly after 8 a.m. to-day.

Several bombs were dropped near the bridge at Shek Lung, but no direct hits were registered.

The Canton-Hankow Line at Ying Tak was also bombed.—Our Own Correspondent.

Macao, To-day.

It is reported here that a patrol launch belonging to the Macao Police Force was instrumental in requesting a Japanese warship to leave Macao waters yesterday, when the vessel "encroached."

It was stated that the entry into Macao waters was a mistake and not intentional, and the warship proceeded to Wongcum Island where she landed some 200 marines.

Chinese reports here state that the landing was to obtain fresh water and not with any intention to occupy the Island permanently.—Our Own Correspondent.

Tientsin, To-day.

According to advices from Tsinan, the main Japanese army which crossed the Yellow River is now moving down the Kiaochow Railway towards Tsingtao. The move follows the failure of the Japanese troops already on the Tsingtao front to break through the Chinese defences.

Two divisions of Han Fu Chu's troops are resisting the advance. Six other divisions are retreating on Taian.

The troops near Tsingtao are expected to withdraw voluntarily soon as they are likely to be trapped in the event of a quick advance by the Japanese forces seeking to invade Shantung from Pukow.—Our Own Correspondent.

Shanghai, To-day.

According to the Chinese press, the National Military Affairs Commission will shortly be reorganised, so as to give one-third of the seats to General Chiang Kai-shek's subordinates, one third to nominees of leaders of the 8th Route Army, or former Communist forces, and the remaining third to nominees of the Shansi warlord, Gen. Yen Hsi-shan, and the Kwangsi warlords, Gen. Pei Chung-hsi and Gen. Li Tsung-jen.

General Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese press adds, has instructed military commanders in the various war zones to assume control over party and administrative officials, and to see that none leaves his post without authorisation.

Any breach of this injunction, he is said to have added, should be punished according to military law.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.


Mr. Masayuki Tani, Japanese Minister in Vienna, who, according to Japanese reports, is expected to be appointed to a responsible diplomatic post in North China, has arrived here from Japan. Mr. Tani is accompanied by Mr. Denjiro Kato, Japanese Consul-General at Hankow and formerly First Secretary to the Embassy at Peking, who is expected to be his assistant in the North.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports received here state that Tsinanfu has been burning for the last 60 hours, and that few of the fires in the city have been extinguished.

Chinese reports claim that street fighting is going on within the city between the Japanese and hundreds of Chinese snipers.—Our Own Correspondent.

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